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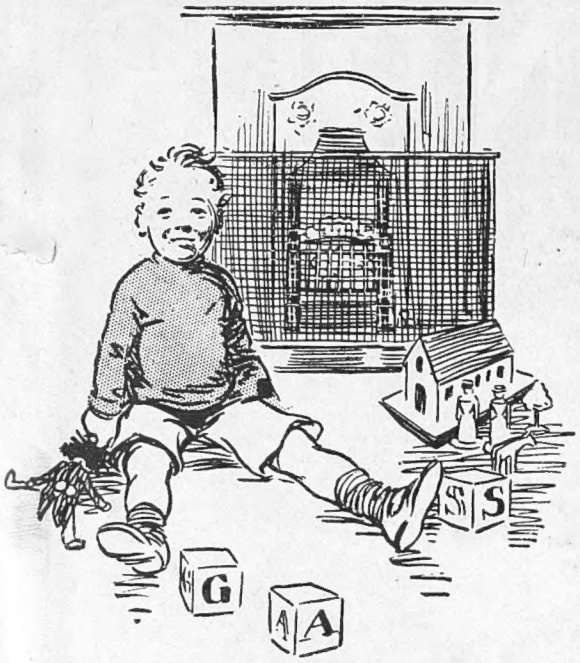

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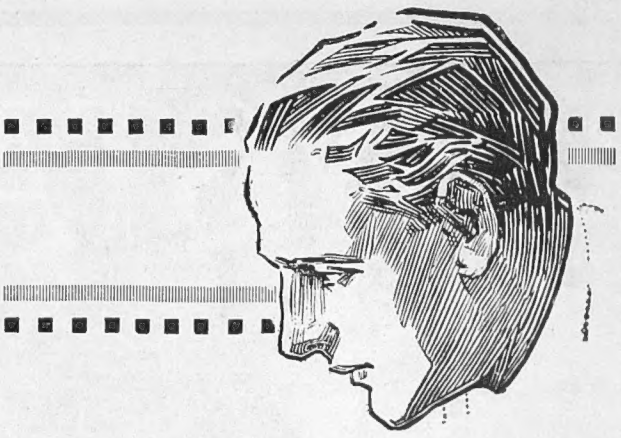

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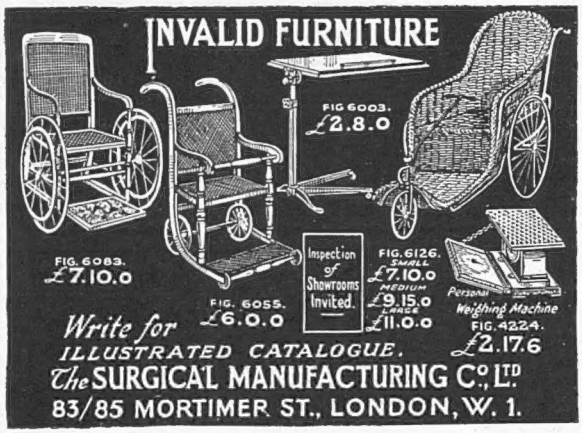

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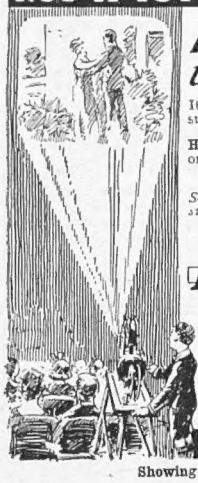

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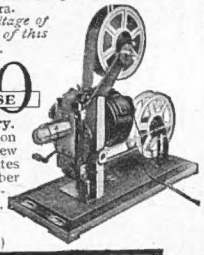

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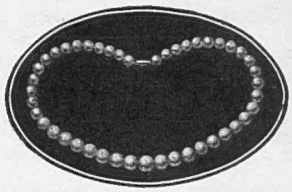

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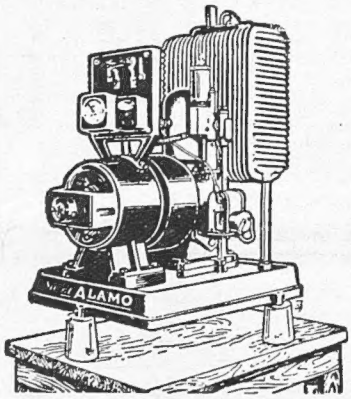

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ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

By Victor Hicks

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Although we are four days into the New Year, Christmas is only just over. As a race we are incorrigible holiday-makers when we start, and Christmas is so highly honoured a holiday that nothing but New Year's Day could put an end to it. Perhaps, therefore, it is a good thing that New Year's Day does not happen a week or two later. Considering everything, we seem to have done our Christmas very well. Turkey's "rocketed," but taxis were available at all times, with drivers willing, even anxious, to go anywhere.

"Not To-Night"

It was very generally remarked, that, except in the case of the few, people on the whole were spending much less money than last year. But they seem to have spent a very good time, nevertheless, and the remark of the season, which indicates this, has been for days, and still is, "No thanks, I'm going to be early to-night," or "We are going to make an early night of it." Does not that show what has been going on? The licensing magistrates cannot make us early at home—yet.

What of 1922?

We are still keeping our good resolutions and our nice new diaries, but, of course, we cannot expect this to go on very much longer. Like every other year, 1922 will have to look after itself—there is very little profit in speculation. One paper has been trying to diagnose what the girl of 1922 will be like. If the London County Council insists upon her having her parents or legal guardians with her up to the age of sixteen when she visits a cinema, and she falls in line with this point of view generally, we might reasonably expect a return to the mid-Victorian or even early Victorian girl. But here again speculation is profitless. Who shall say what the girl of the period will make herself? We can be quite sure of one thing. She will be charming. She always is.

Clerical Conjurers

Much comment has been passed upon the fact that a professional conjurer has recently been ordained. But no one seems to have pointed out how necessary it is in these days for a clergyman in the Church of England to have some calling at which he can make a livelihood. The time has come when this should be insisted upon. I heard the other day of a wine merchant with a fine business, a good stock, and a great knowledge of his trade, who entered the Church recently. To the distress of his family he sold his business and his stock—in the recent "slump" period, too. His Bishop should have forbidden him to do anything so reckless. Conjurers and wine merchants, and followers of other profitable callings, might remove from the Church the disgrace of having hungry parsons doing its good works.

"Nice Little Nautch Girls We!"

Mr. Oscar Asche seems to have given us a somewhat wrong impression of the East—at any rate in one respect. It was interesting

A MOURNFUL MUSE

By W. E. Wigfull

Hamlet (1922): "The time is out of joint: O cursed spite,
That ever I was born to set it right!"

BYSTANDER COMMENTS (concluded)

to see the photographs of the Nautch girls who danced before the Prince of Wales after the State banquet at Bikanir. I suppose at the back of our minds most of us, who do not know the East, have thought that the Nautch dance was a little—hectic, shall we say?

Don't Tell the L.C.C.

BUT look at these Bikanir beauties—the garments of any one of them would dress a whole London chorus. I am afraid that our lighter stage in London must shock our Oriental visitors. But do not breathe a word of this to the L.C.C.—or they will be shutting up His Majesty's and the New Pavilion, and other joyous places, in the interests of the Eastern members of the various Inns.

Our Indian Republic!

THE visit of the Prince of Wales to India will do as much good at home as it will there. For it will awaken, indeed, has awakened, public interest in that vast and important portion of the Empire. And this will lessen the capacity for mischief-making of people like Mr. Bernard Shaw. Mr. Shaw has been talking glibly about an "Indian Republic"!

What Would Happen

A FEW years ago I saw a lot of a young Indian Maharajah. I asked him once what would happen if the British "Raj" were withdrawn. In effect he said that he would attack his smaller neighbour at once in order to strengthen himself against the attack of his stronger neighbour, which would be inevitable. And this, he said, would happen all over the country. It sounds like an Indian Republic, doesn't it?

The Flowers in my Garden

HOW is it that so many English people, even in the South of England, seem to think that ours is a severe and rigorous climate? This Christmas, as usual, people are writing to the papers to say that primroses and violets, and other flowers, are blooming in their gardens, and ask us to be astonished at it. If they would only reflect, they would realise that flowers bloom all the year round in South o England gardens, save on the rare occasions of a very hard and long frost. In an ordinary frost some sheltered nook will still provide a bloom.

First Delights

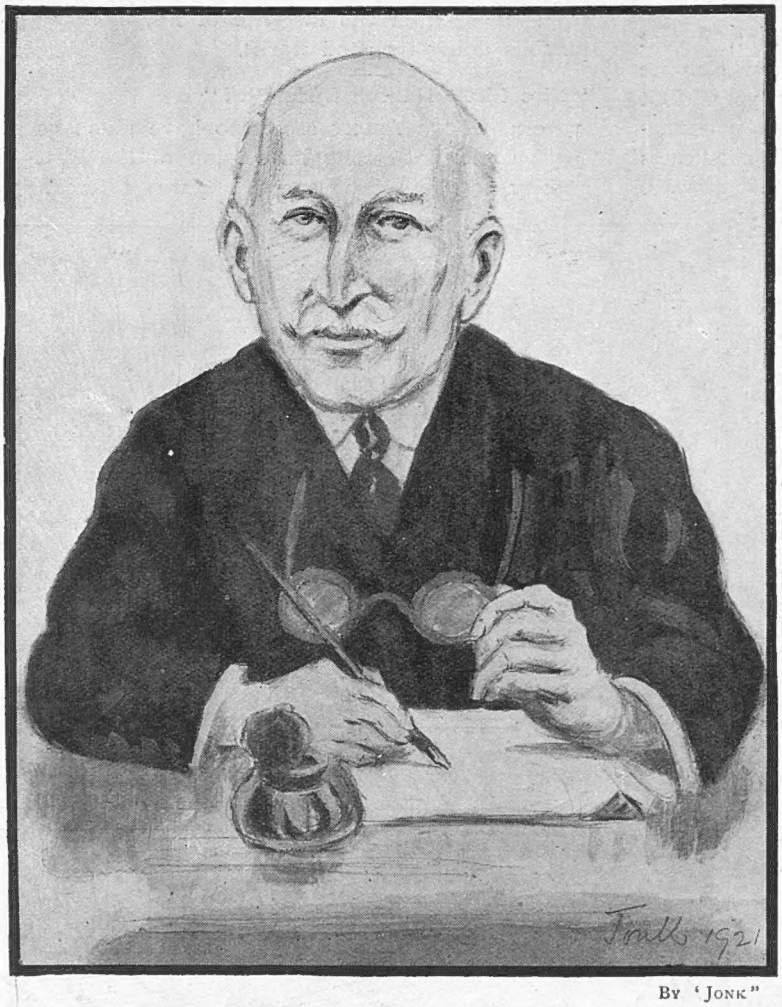
THE astonishing thing would be a garden without a flower in an open Christmas. But perhaps these people are experiencing the delights of a country garden for the first time. Or is this idea of our hard climate a lingering trace in our minds of the ice age? Things die hard in England.

Make a Cocktail Blush

I SAW an enquiry in a newspaper the other day after a genuine recipe for punch as our forefathers drank it. It sounds appropriate enough at this season of wassail. But those old punches are not for us. Our forefathers must have been tough fellows to stand them. The most mixed of American cocktails would blush for shame at its comparative simplicity and harmlessness in the company of an old English punch.

Add More Brandy—and Still More

I KNOW of a famous recipe which fills several pages in MS. of a large household book. Every ingredient has to be put in in the right order. At frequent intervals comes the instruction "add more brandy." Every other drink, including green tea, is included, but "more brandy," and always "old brandy," is the *leit motif* of the symphony. The modern head could not stand it—and only a very few modern purses could afford a jorum of it.



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BY E. T. REED

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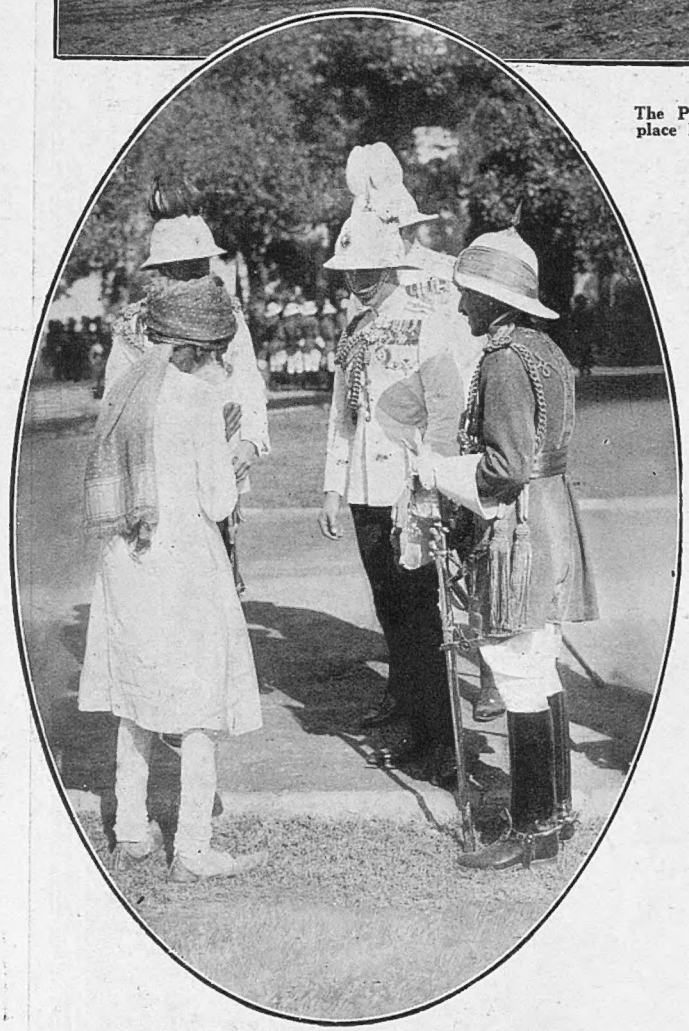
The Prince hitting a goal on the Polo Ground at Bikanir, at which place he enjoyed a great reception and was lavishly entertained by the Maharajah of Bikanir



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THE AGED RETAINER

The Maharajah of Bharatpur introduces one of his old servants, 84 years of age, to the Prince of Wales at Bharatpur

WHO, WHEN & WHERE

BY THE BYSTANDER IN SOCIETY

Family Parties Only

I DOUBT whether there has been less entertaining in country houses at any time since the War than during this Christmas. The number of houses that have either been sold or shut up during the last two years makes a big figure. Most of the larger ones used to be centres of hospitality: their new owners obviously have not the same sort of friends as their former possessors. A friend of mine, one of the most popular of women, told me just before Christmas that this year she had not received a single invitation to the country. Formerly she had rather an embarrassment of choice—she is one of those jolly, amusing women people like to have in their houses. She said—"It seems to me I go to tea now in small houses and flats in London with people with whom I used to stay for weeks at a time in the country."

What entertaining there has been, even in the big houses that still stand up before the breakers of taxation, was purely family. At Goodwood, Badminton, and Welbeck there were Richmond, Beaufort, and Portland sons, daughters, and "in-laws" only: at Wynyard and Knowsley there were Londonderry and Derby family parties, and only a Curzon gathering at Hackwood in Hampshire. Danecht was given up entirely to Cowdray grandchildren. The Duke and Duchess of Sutherland went to Switzerland. My Lord Lathom certainly had a non-family party at Blyth House the redecoration of which is now completed, and so likewise had my Lord and Lady Anglesey at Plasnewyld, but both was so small that in other days they wouldn't have been considered a party at all.

The New Rich and Society

THERE is a trait in the newest rich which I commend to the consideration of those learned gentlemen who make deep studies in social tendencies. They have no social ambition.

Formerly the gaining of wealth, especially of great wealth, seemed to bring with it automatically the desire to enter Society, to sit in high places at feasts, and to hold hands with the illustrious and

(*Continued on page 10*)

A Special Betrothal Photograph

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A SHOOTING PARTY AT HEATHERDEN HALL

Colonel Grant Morden has some excellent shooting over his place at Iver Heath, Bucks, and the above photograph was taken recently outside Heatherden Hall. Standing (left to right): Mr. Arthur Valentin, Lord Desborough, Mrs. W. Grant Morden, Rt. Hon. Sir Hamar Greenwood, M.P., Miss Yvonne Hughes, Colonel Sir Matthew Wilson, Bart, M.P., Mr. Edward Manville, M.P., Commander Zeligan, R.N. Sitting on the bench: Mrs. C. G. Henshaw, Mr. John Dennis, M.P., Lady Ferguson. On the ground: Sir John Ferguson. Mrs. Zeligan, Lady Greenwood, Colonel W. Grant Morden, M.P., Viscount Dunsford, and Colonel Claude G. Bryan

truly great. Perhaps, too, there was a higher ambition than mere social soaring—the ambition to found a family. We all know instances where great wealth has brought its makers from obscurity to coronets and Grosvenor Square; in fact before the War it had become an axiom that money gave a firm grip on the social ladder—provided, of course, it was spent tactfully.

Social godparents were a necessity for support on the earlier rungs, and it was considered no reproach for a woman of position to *lancer* a new and wealthy family among her acquaintances, or for a young man of Norman descent to run the domestic affairs of a Sir Gorgius Midas and show that gentleman and his lady what was "done" and what was "never done" in the great world. The woman of position and the young man of Norman descent were not philanthropists, and, therefore, only gave their services in return for a goodly sum. But, as I have said, the newest wealth does not seem to have brought social aspirations with it; it seems to have no use for social godparents and to be content with buying jewels, dresses, motor-cars, and country houses and "having a good time" in its own way.

Politics used to be the surest gateway to Society, but parties are so mixed-up nowadays that even if a new *richissime* has a leaning that way it is difficult for him to choose a side.

A Ducal Farm

FARMING in South Africa seems to pay if you know how to set about it and have sufficient capital to start things on a fairly large scale. I'm told that the Duke of Westminster's farm *là-bas* is a model of what a South African farm should be, and is rapidly becoming one of the best training-grounds in the colony for young would-be farmers from England.

The Duke of Westminster has another big property in the Landes region in France, which is likewise run very skilfully. Now Lord Bute has followed his example by purchasing an estate in the South of Spain. The Duke still makes his headquarters in England, but Lord Bute, for the time being, at any rate, has cast the dust of Wales and Scotland from his feet and settled in Spain. Cardiff Castle is closed, and there are rumours that Rothesay is to be sold.

THE NEW HORN

Mr. David Jones, J.P., a former master of the Gelligaer and Talybont, presents Miss Eileen Berry, the new Master, with a new horn on her first appearance as the leader of this pack. More photographs of this interesting hunt appear on page 41

Photograph *Bassano Ltd.*

MARCHIONESS CURZON OF KEDLESTON

Who yesterday presented the prizes for the best fancy dresses at the Annual Children's New Year Party and Dance at Claridge's, in aid of the waifs and strays

Two Duchesses and a Necklace

HERE is a curious little history. The year before the War a man succeeded his father, the younger son of a ducal house, in a small property. Amongst a mass of papers he came upon a large packet of letters written by his grandmother to her predecessor in the title. The letters brought to his knowledge a family upheaval of which he had been in ignorance, a battle *à l'outrance* between a dowager duchess and her son's wife over jewellery. The son's wife was my friend's grandmother.

Scarcely had her father-in-law been buried before she wrote asking for "all the jewels" to be handed over. The dowager replied that so soon as her own jewels and the heirlooms had been separated by the "person in whose charge they have been for many years," the heirlooms would be handed over to her son.

Then followed the battle. There were skirmishes over diamond stars, earrings, etc., and when the dowager called in the evidence of jewellers to prove they were her personal property the daughter-in-law replied with a Scripture text concerning false witnesses.

The Necklace

A DIAMOND necklace brought matters to a climax. The daughter-in-law demanded three. The dowager replied that two only were heirlooms; the third had belonged to her own mother-in-law. The daughter-in-law pooh-poohed the whole story, To cut a long story short, the dowager was forced to give up the third necklace.

Seventy Years After

NOW comes in the curious part of the history. My friend burnt all his grandmother's letters. It was not a pretty story, and there was no need for future generations to know anything about it. Early last month he went to stay with some relatives in Scotland who stood in the same degree of descent from the Duchess dowager as he himself. They had been turning out some old boxes of family papers.

Photograph *Alfieri*

PAUSING FOR A BREATHER

Dame Katherine Furse indulging in her favourite recreation—ski-ing on the famous Murren run. Dame Furse was Commandant-in-Chief of the V.A.D. during the War

Photograph *L. N. A.*

THE HON. MRS. HOPE MORLEY

The wife of the Hon. Geoffrey Hope Morley the eldest son and heir to Baron Hollenden. Mrs. Morley is an intimate friend of Princess Mary

"We've made an interesting discovery," said his hostess. "You know the single-stone diamond necklace ———— wears so often?" (———— stands for the lady who now occupies the position held by my friend's grandmother.) "We've found the original bill and a whole lot of papers about it. But how they ever came here is a mystery."

Photograph] **HOW IT SHOULD BE DONE** [*Alfieri*

Novices please note that the stagger and fall step is entirely eliminated in this movement. This "Flying Angel" was posed by Miss W. B. McConnell (winner of the Lytton Cup, 1921), and Captain Duff-Taylor

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE (concluded)

The papers were produced—a receipt for £12,200 from a London jeweller early in the nineteenth century, a full description of every stone in the necklace, with its weight in carats, and, pinned on to the receipt, a note written by the Dowager's husband to the effect that he had given her the necklace, and that it was not an heirloom.

The dowager had evidently kept her proofs very carefully, but when she was called upon to produce them they had either been stolen or taken in mistake by one of her younger children to whom the house in Scotland, where they were found, belonged.

The great battle between the two Duchesses took place in the 'fifties of the last century, so since that time one ducal family has possessed a diamond necklace as an heirloom to which it is not legally entitled.

H.R.H. and His Friends

I HAVE just read in an "esteemed contemporary" a most interesting article on "The Two Princes—and Their Friends." It is evidently by a man who has intimate knowledge of both, and, above all, who does not abuse this knowledge by giving too intimate details. It reveals many interesting facts about the Princes' friendships, tells of week-end parties and who participates in them, and the writer concludes the article, which is a prominent feature in *Cassell's Magazine* for January, by saying that "I think if you could ask the Prince of Wales who was his closest and his best friend he would answer, 'My sister Mary.' The Duke of York would say the same."

The Gilbert and Sullivan Ball

IN charity's name we have all been dancing very late and long these winter nights, and yet again to-morrow, January 5, will you order the car, or, perhaps, it is still the *barouche* or brougham, to take you and your party to the Savoy for the Gilbert and Sullivan Ball in aid of the British Drama League.

MISS JULIETTE COMPTON—A PRIZE-WINNING PORTRAIT

A wonderful photographic study of Miss Juliette Compton, the actress, which secured third prize in the Wellington £1,000 "Most Beautiful Portrait of Ladies" Competition. The photographer is Mr. Arthur C. Banfield

The Riviera Week by Week by Dunce-Scotus

MONTE CARLO, as usual at Christmas, is in advance of the rest of the Riviera. Elsewhere the season is shorter and later in beginning. Everything is now open, including Ciro's restaurant. The plays, ballets, and concerts are crowded, and there is much dancing, but the Sporting Club is still rather a desert, though about fifty dined there on the opening night. The Carlton was very gay on Christmas Eve. Many large parties supped and dined there till daylight, and much enjoyed the novelties provided for the season. Somehow Monte is so compact, everybody knows everybody more than in the larger places, and it is easy at short notice to get up anything. I hear everyone went to Orestes to dine and dance on December 29, when the second orchestra — the Versatile Four from London — began their season here, and vie with the Argentine Fusellas already here, in making the guests "chase the glowing hours with flying feet."

A FAMOUS TRIO

Major Owen, Sir Ellis Hume Williams, the renowned K.C., and Lord Nunburnholme (left to right) on the terrace, Monte Carlo

LORD DEWAR

Who has been spending Christmas and the New Year at Monte Carlo

AMONG Mrs. Goldenberg's guests at Orestes, on the 29th, were the Grand Duke André of Russia, his wife—the Princess Krasinska—and his son—Prince Vladimir Krasinski, the Grand Duchess Anastasia, General Brewin, and on the 30th the Duc and Duchesse de la Rochefoucault, Baroness Orczy, Mr. and Mrs. Fitz-George, Mrs. and Miss Furth, Count de Cremeyel, Lord and Lady Waleron, M. and Mme. Le Terrien, etc. All the world and his wife, and the half-world, too, will be there this year as the cooking is really good, and the lighting and attractions generally are very well done. Among the dancers, however, nothing so far to touch "Sonia," who charmed everyone at the Café de Paris last year. It is, of course, crowded as always, morning, noon, and night, and on Christmas Eve had three orchestras who kept the ball rolling or, rather, dancing without cessation, except for special turns and comic interludes.

LATE hours cannot prevent Dr. Golf's clients from taking their cures above the clouds on Mont Agel. At the last bogey Major Bryce (scratch) and Mr. Peter Gannon (plus 4) tied with 3 down, while Messrs. Schilders (24), Williams (24), Rose (20), and Waller (18) were 4 down. On Christmas Day a very good lunch was enjoyed by about fifty golfers and many newcomers. Among them was Major the Hon. Reginald Coke (a scratch player who has just arrived at the Paris) and Captain Steele (— 2), Sir Francis Towle and family, Lord and Lady Athlumney, etc.

Photographs *E. Navello*

ON THE LINKS AT CANNES

Admiral Lord Wester Wemyss and Captain Sands waiting to play

AT the opening of the Tir au Pigeons on December 17 the birds fairly beat the guns. Mr. Ripley Ker says he never remembers prizes being won here with two kills before. A good season is expected, despite the journalistic stunt organised against this ancient feature of Monte Carlo life last season. Some work is being done at Cap Fleuri, but I should fancy very little shooting will take place there this year. The Anglo-Saxon is rather given to interfering in other people's business on sentimental grounds without due consideration. Pigeon-shooting is not our idea of sport, as a rule, but that is no reason for believing silly yarns about how it is conducted here, where it has been subjected to the journalistic searchlight for years as few spots on the earth have been, or forcing our views in our superior way (Monaco is, of course, really France) on a friendly nation, which came out of the War at least as well as any other.

THE Grand Prix of 50,000 francs and an *objet d'art* for first prize and 500 francs entry fees divided among the next

THE RIVIERA WEEK BY WEEK (*concluded*)

nine best will be shot for between January 30 and February 2. Every two days or so there are prizes offered from 2,000 to 50,000 francs. Besides the Grand Prix week on December 23 there is the Prix de Monaco (10,000 francs) and a medal, and, beginning February 13, the triannual championship for 20,000 francs and a medal. On March 15 and 16 there is the Prix François Blanc—a handicap for 20,000 francs and a medal.

THERE are increasing crowds of Americans arriving by the liners from New York by Madeira and Gibraltar to Monaco. Of course, the whole list of saloon passengers land for the day, and Uncle Sam and Poppa and Momma make desperate sallies to plant the Stars and Stripes on the tables victoriously, and do win sometimes on *rouge* or *noir*, but on the whole Blanc wins all the time, despite the cute systems from over the "pond." The yacht, *Cutty Sark*—a former torpedo-destroyer—belonging to Major Keswick, is in Monaco Harbour on a short visit with a party of ten.

AS I anticipated, the Riviera lawn tennis professional tournament produced some really fine play at Cannes. Being won by Major Rendall, who teaches at Menton, it takes place there next year. There was not very much between the winner and the English "pro." champion, Read, Page, late of Queen's, now at Lyons, Romeo, of Cannes, and Negro, of Nice, and Albert Burke, of Marseilles, who is only nineteen, and his brother, Edmund Burke, of the Cannes Club, aged seventeen. The long matches have been reported daily in England, but it may interest readers to know how well Albert Burke is shaping. He is far ahead as regards style, and has a happy temperament for the game, and should outclass his rivals, fine players and sportsmen though they all be, as it happens. The absence of C. H. Ridding, representing Beaulieu, and of Beamish and Donisthorpe was much regretted. The tennis was of a very high order, and it required special qualities of trained sporting grit to bring Major Rendall through such a fine lot. The Riviera and Lyons Clubs are to be congratulated.

THE first Monte Carlo tournament begins well with a cheery crowd playing under the eyes of the *prima donna* of the game, Suzanne Lenglen, who is not loving golf too much, she tells me, now. However, in a month she may be golf-mad. *Toujours femme varie!*

DUNCE SCOTUS

AU TENNIS DE CANNES

Lord and Lady Rocksavage on the courts of the Cannes Lawn Tennis Club, which grow more crowded each day as the season advances

Personalities caught by the Camera :: at Cannes ::

ARRIVING AT THE GOLF CLUB

Princesse Kara-Georgevitch of Serbia (in black) with a friend, arriving at the Cannes Golf Club

LADY WAVERTREE

Leaving the lawn tennis courts at Cannes, where she is staying for the winter

Photographs *E. Navello*

PROFESSIONALS' TOURNAMENT AT CANNES

Major J. C. S. Rendall (right) was first in the Professional Tournament at Cannes, with A. Page second. Major Rendall was an amateur, but recently became a "pro."

A NEW novel is entitled *None in the Pit*. It has no reference to the theatrical slump.

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SOME actors are well off. Some amateur actors are better off—much better off

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EVERY able-bodied man, says Mr. A. A. Milne, wants to write a play. It is not known why.

The Same Old Dream—

BY LAURIE TAYLER

—And the Same Old Awakening—Three poor notes and a nod

I HAVE often wondered how many theatre-goers, when occupying their seats on first nights and applauding plays and players, really and truly realise what first nights mean to the artist. In many cases they go through an agony of suspense and apprehension; personally, my nerves start working as soon as I prepare to leave home for the theatre, then during making-up is another period, but my worst moments are before I go on the stage for a first entrance. My throat becomes dry, my hands and feet icy cold, and my blood seems to turn to water; but having once made the first plunge and "gone on," I feel better and better until I lose myself in the part I am playing; but, then, I am much more fortunate than many of my brother and sister artists, to whom my sympathy goes out, for to think of having constantly to appear—fresh rôles would to me be a perfect nightmare—for all true artists are nervous, and, to my mind, it is impossible to be otherwise, because, in addition to the nervous strain of rehearsals, one must always be wondering if the author's conception of the character is being properly rendered.

For several years now I have played all the principal contralto rôles of the Gilbert and Sullivan Operas, and have played all the rôles hundreds of times, and yet on first-nights I go through the same nervous worry that I have already described.

During Mr. Rupert D'Oyly Carte's present season of Gilbert and Sullivan Operas, on the first night of the *Sorcerer* a well-known editor of one of our leading illustrated papers came round to my dressing-room during the interval, and when I told him of my usual nervous apprehensions he was amazed, but the fact remains that I was particularly nervous on that evening, although I was told by so many friends sitting in the front that I did not show the slightest signs.

One thing I must add, and that is that the Gilbert and Sullivan audience are the dearest and best in the world. Their wonderful sympathy and enthusiasm, at all times, and especially on first nights, ought to spur any artist to do great things, and I feel I should like to thank them one and all for their whole-hearted appreciation.

I HAVE seen in my time 2,090 plays of more than one act, and most of them on the first night of their production: and, if time permits, I look forward to seeing as many more, because the first night of a play is a Great Adventure. It has all the elements of a gamble, for, as Mr. Shaw would say, you never can tell. It may bring in a golden argosy: it may land its promoters in Carey Street, and throw scores of precarious people out of work.

In any case, there is a thrill about it, however bad the play may be, which is never recaptured at any other performance, because everybody is entering an unknown territory—playwright, players and playgoers alike. The playwright does not know whether the players are going to interpret him exactly: the players do not know whether they are going to "get over" the footlights: the playgoers have not the slightest idea what they are to get. Players and playgoers interact on each other in a most subtle, indefinable way, for while the audience in front is intensely affected by the players, the players at once capture on the rebound the impression they have made.

After the first night, the audience has lost any sense of novelty, for it has learnt from the conversation of those who have seen the play, or from the newspapers which notice it, exactly what to expect. That must be the case so far as the main structure of the play is concerned, although in most cases the performance itself may actually improve by repetition, at least after the second night, for on that occasion the players are nervously exhausted after the first ordeal, and the audience of invited second-nighters—who usually get two seats—is anything but exhilarating.

The audience itself—nearly always good humoured and thrilled with expectation—is a constant delight, the first-nighters differing distinctly from all other-nighters, and the audience at one house differing from that of another, for every theatre has its own *clientèle*. Thus the Gaiety and the light music houses attract a sporting and stock-broking element that you would never get, say, at Everyman's Theatre. You will not find Sir Sidney Colvin at *Paddy the Next Best Thing*, though I once saw Mr. Edmund Gosse at a Pavilion revue into which M. Max in *Andromaque* had been sandwiched.

I love to see the enthusiasm which the appearance of veterans like Ellen Terry or Genevieve Ward in the stalls creates, and the delight over a recently married musical comedy lady, more or less dragging her sheepish looking consort after her. You get to know by sight all the different groups, although you may never know them to speak to.

Then there are the bored professional critics who have to wonder all the evening how they will get back to Fleet Street in time to write their "copy." You can always tell them for they never applaud, though I have known some of them audibly dissent. One of that type sat behind me the other week at a poor revue, punctuating every inanity with a muttered "poisonous," while at the end he forgot all about his suburban train to hear the gallery give it "the bird." They did—that was his one bright moment.

So from every point of view the first night brings you back to the delights of the raffle in the bran tub. You may get a gold watch. Or you may get a penny whistle. You never can tell.

AN ARABIAN NIGHT
The new scene from "The Fun of the Fayre" at the London Pavilion

LONDON NIGHTS
ENTERTAINMENTS

NOT WHAT
Mr. Reginald Stone

SHE SEEMS!
The "leading lady" in "Splinters of 1922"

Photographs *Foulsham and Banfield*

LONDON NIGHTS ENTERTAINMENTS (continued)

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MISS DOROTHY DICKSON

As "Sally" at the Winter Garden Theatre

Photograph *Rita Martin*

MISS FAITH BEVAN

Playing in "The Maid of the Mountains" at Daly's Theatre

Photograph *Stage Photo Co.*

MR. PHILIP MERIVALE

As "Will Shakespeare" in Miss Clemence Dane's masterly play

Photograph *Foulsham and Banfield*

MISS MARGARET BANNERMAN

In "The Little Girl in Red" at the Gaiety Theatre

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MR. W. H. BERRY AND MISS CICELY DEBENHAM

In "The Golden Moth" at the Adelphi

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MISS LILY BRAYTON

As "Sharazad" in "Cairo"

THE DRAMATIC CRITIC

A WOMAN'S VIEW.

BY MARION CRAN

LIKE prize-fighters, and husbands, dramatic critics are always men. Like the former they live in the limelight, feared by many; like the latter they are masterful fellows, laying down the law, telling others how to do everything, conscious of their privileges, tenacious of their powers—yea, cleaving to them till death them do part.

One wonders who chooses them, and why, for they move in an orb peculiarly remote from the public they are supposed to educate to a nicer taste in drama. The dramatic critic does not write for common people. He is very grand. And very aloof. And very clever. He is too busy sometimes showing everyone how clever he is to want anyone to understand what he says, and he wields a grumous pen, which in his lighter moments he has been heard to call his obloquious quill.

More especially, being eternal male, do dramatic critics gyrate outside the world of women; exciting themselves with flibbertigibberts of anachronisms, for instance, and historical hard-and-fastnesses, while they might have pondered, in human wise, on the interesting fact that the play they recently nearly murdered on such slight grounds as a thing being called a sandwich instead of a manchet is a most particularly brilliant piece of modern feminism!

"To hell with the title, and the name-pegs on which the characters are hung," they might have said, "here is a play written by a woman in which she gives all the starry poet-vision to women, all the sweetest, bravest words to women, and makes her men lay-figures . . . and foils. What does it all mean? Call the play Moses, call it Shakespeare—speak of sandwich, speak of Springald, what do those labels matter?—the human heart is what excites us—then or now—and here is a psychological study worth our thought. Why has this woman given her women vision and her men senses?"

But this is an ordinary human point of view—and the dramatic critics are above anything so low. They buzz like gnats, prodigiously active in the sunshine of their own brightness—far above our humbled heads.

I once heard a woman say that they are teratologists. I expect they are. They know all the 'ologies. Including ap.

The theatre, which is a treat to everyone else, is nothing special to the critic. Where we sail into the circle, or push into the pit, any old time in the run of the piece, all agog with anticipation and interest—he enters upon every sacred, difficult, unattainable first night by lawful right—exercising his *droit de Seigneur*—and takes the air of the stalls with portentous unconcern.

To the unconsidered public the critics have become part of the furniture of a first night. It is a piece of the show to watch the lofty fellows, big and little, fat and thin, take their seats in judicial wise, their brows big with fate, their hands and lips frozen to elaborate phlegm, for critics do not laugh, nor do they applaud, nor do they weep, nor do they feel. They criticise. In front of their cold eyes sparkles the lighted stage, where author, actors, and manager await judgment upon their great expenditure of work and hope and pence; wait with a real anxiety, which flatters the critics in their pride and importance.

The jolly old public behind them in the dark is not very greatly concerned with their opinion. It knows very well that the critics, leaving the theatre, will burrow into print like moles into the earth, kicking up little heaps of dirt, their form lost to view in ponderosities of style. They know that Nix will be academic, that Blix will drag in Ibsen, that Nox will administer praise tempered by an arch reserve, that Box will blather over his pet revue merchant, and Vox will sleep with a dictionary, thereafter urging the author to "incrassate the asomatous matter," which may mean anything or nothing, and, anyway, doesn't do much harm because it only obnubilates his meaning, and reduces his readers to obmutescence.

Sometimes a wistful hope catches us by the throat that an ordinary common or garden human being may climb to the seats of these mighty and talk of the theatre and plays from the point of view of the general public. But this is in the rare moments to which we are all liable when heaven seems real. M. C.

By Victor Hicks

"THE GENTLE RAIN FROM HEAVEN."

Old-Time Comedian: "In truth, Meredith, methinks we've seen better days"

Hints for the Amateur

BY W. HEATH ROBINSON

"ROMEO, ROMEO, WHEREFORE ART THOU, ROMEO?"

(A neat setting for the balcony scene in "Romeo and Juliet")

Nursery Rhymes for Adversery Times

BY E. L. ROBERTS

SING a song of *Cairo*—
Not too high of brow,
All the proved ingredients
Used in *Chu Chin Chow*!
When the show was started
The critics wailed: "Undressed!"
But Mr. Oscar Asche has now
Invested in a vest.

Little Miss Flightly
Was slender and sprightly
When "leading lady" you know;
But sad to relate
She has now put on weight
And graces the Chorus (BACK ROW!)

Humpti-Dumpti, so I have heard,
Produced a play which got "the bird";
All the King's critics assembled to hymn it,
Retired to the Bar and wrote: "This is the limit!"

"Manager, Manager,
Where have you been?"
"I go to the box-office
At eight-fifteen!"
"Manager, Manager,
Wherefore this dash?"
"To see if the 'house'
Is paper or cash!"

Hush-a-bye, Dollies (Babes in the Wood)
Mr. Cochran will scold you unless you are good!
The pantomime's BRITISH, so quite the best plan
Is to be just as BRITISH as ever you can!

"Boo! Boo! ROTTEN!" . . .
The "Gods" begin to shout:
"Where's the blinkin' author?
Chuck the beggar out!"
Jeers for the Manager
("Run away and drown!"),
Eggs for the Hero—
Ring the Curtain down!

Twinkle, twinkle, famous "star,"
Diamond-studded in your car—
Do you suffer, as is said,
From a badly-swollen head?

U.S.A., U.S.A.,
If you can
Send us a play
(Two women, one man!),
Cram in the sob-stuff,
And hall-mark it "Yank"—
We've still a few thousands
To lose in the Bank!

This little play earned a fortune,
This little play ran two nights,
This little play's chorus ladies
Make this little play's look "frights" . . .
And THIS little play ("Atmospherics")
Sent Mr. Sydney Carroll into violent hysterics!

PITY THE PROFESH.! By GRAHAM SIMMONS

JOHN: "No dear, that hat will never do, it makes you look like an actress!"

SPOT LIMES

AMBITION has egged many a man on to the stage. And the audience has often egged him off again.

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SOME actors start with a wealth of thought—others with a thought of wealth.

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To become a successful actor requires five years starting, twenty-five years starving, and two years starring. Then begin all over again.

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MANY a young man has started out in life with the intention of becoming a great Shakespearian actor, and eventually drifted into some useful occupation.

A Legacy of Dis-unionism

BY CAPTAIN BRUCE BAIRNSFATHER

The hind legs of the cow in the pantomime unfortunately belonged to the Union of Federated Animal Workers, who were "called out" during the matinée

THE MERE PUBLIC

BY "JINGLE"

We hear a good deal of gifted critics who pass judgment on plays and players, and of gifted players who wax sarcastic over the critics; but nobody seems in much of a hurry to take the mere public up and shake it, and see what there is inside it.

It is the public that decides the fate of a play, from the box-office point of view; and first-night audiences rarely represent public opinion. To begin with, many of the members of first-night audiences have come as the guests of the management, and they rush to cheer and applaud at every opportunity, just as at less public functions we hasten to assure a dull hostess that we have had such a *delightful* evening! Dramatic critics themselves, carried away by the prevailing impulse to be more generous than just, will often applaud at the moment wholeheartedly; and you will read them on the following morning as hinting that they consider plays of that sort an insult to the general intelligence.

I remember (and, they say, it is a sign that you are growing old when you "remember") a play by Mr. Sydney Grundy that was produced at the Comedy Theatre many, many years ago. At the end of the first act the applause was so emphatic and so insistent, that Mr. Grundy could do no less than break the usual precedent and take the author's call prematurely. And when the curtain fell on the last act, the play had what is politely called a "mixed reception." It was all right for the large-hearted deadheads downstairs; but the people in the gallery, the real public, did not apparently consider that they had laid out their shillings to the best advantage, and signified the same in the usual manner.

The one fear of the mere public is that theatrical managers may be hatching some secret plot to elevate and instruct it, when after a rushing day in the City of big deeds, a light form of amusement is no more than an act of mercy. Poets and playwrights, and highbrows generally, who have a very hazy idea of what a real day's work in the marts of men consists of, insist from time to time that the purpose of the theatre is not to amuse but to educate. Of late years there have been so many efforts to save our souls behind our backs, that the suspicions of the mere public must certainly not be regarded as unreasonable.

I think some suspicion of this sort must have got abroad in regard to Miss Clemence Dane's masterly play, *Will Shakespeare*. The mere public seemed to be seized with a numbing fear that it would be expected to be as learned in the lore of the Bard as the brilliant lady who apparently knows him so well that she is permitted to speak of him by his familiar name. I have a fanciful theory that if Miss Dane had called her play, say, for example, "The Dark-Haired Damsel, or the Tussle in the Tavern," the public would have fallen over itself in the scramble for front seats.

After all the mere public has still the right to choose its own form of theatrical entertainment. We must hold in high honour among us managers that seek to produce only worthy plays; but they must remember that virtue is its own reward. As far as the mere public is concerned, such managements must not accuse it of cardinal sin because, while their own box-offices have hardly got change for half-a-crown in the till, the opposition shop over the way, where a lady takes off her clothes on the stage, is positively turning away good money every night.

By all means let us do everything in our power to cultivate the highest thought, and to foster the noblest ideal, but by all means let us remember that the final arbiter in these matters is the mere public.

JINGLE

By L. R. Brightwell

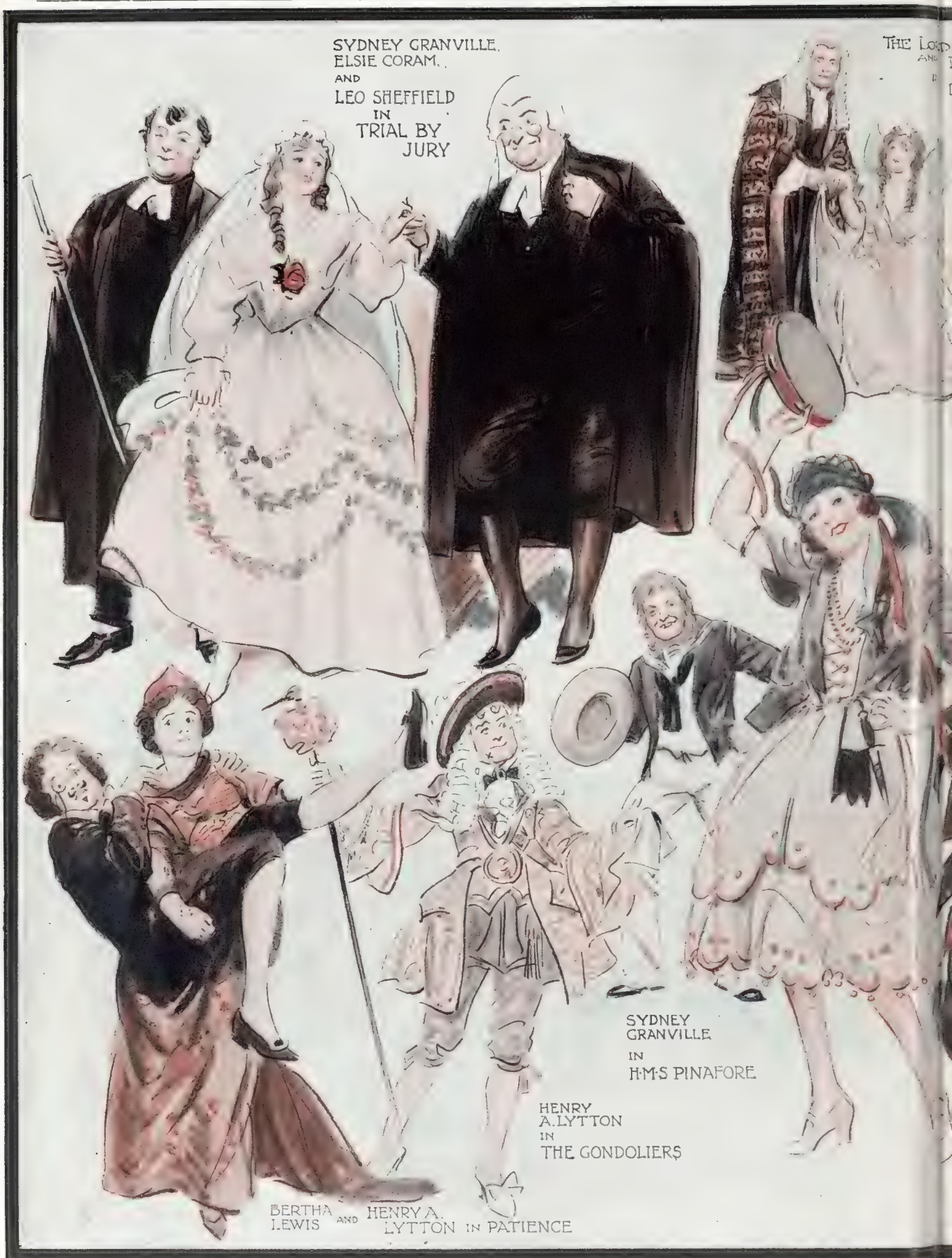
WRITING A PANTOMIME

The Well-Merited Popularity—

BY MACMICHAEL

—Of Gilbert and Sullivan Spreads from Generation to Generation

Their work has long since soared above the range of the shafts of the captious critic, and is now snugly ensconced among the classics. The above sketches were made at a recent revival of "Ruddigore," first produced in 1887. The purple richness of the title caused the raising of many polite eyebrows at the time, but the production of the delightful burlesque showed that Gilbert meant what he had said, and felt that he had said it rather neatly. If you will now please turn over the page, we shall have much pleasure in drawing your attention to——

THE GILBERT AND SULLIVAN OPERAS (*continued*)

sketches from some of the other masterpieces of the Gilbert and Sullivan repertory, all duly labelled and guaranteed genuine. The success of these operas is due to the fact that librettist and composer worked together upon them with a single mind. They agreed in all things. That is to say, it is generally understood that Gilbert said so and Sullivan agreed. Sullivan's music, as we all know, is remarkable for its subtle and humorous touches, which give it a special interest to musicians, whether amateur or professional. As for Gilbert's humour, that speaks for itself in a language that all can understand. Although, when, in his

BY MACMICHAEL

burlesque of "Hamlet" one of the later works that came from his versatile pen, he wrote the exquisitely droll lines, "In a river in a medder, took a header, and a deader was Ophelia," one of the critics of the day remarked, "And Sir William Gilbert has the courage to call this humour!" It must have required more courage in a critic to advertise so obviously his own lack of that saving grace. This will end the talking part. We now respectfully commend the drawings to your notice

PE-QUEUE-LIAR PEOPLE

BY HIGGINS

The Dramatic Critic Criticised

BY WELL-KNOWN STAGE FAVOURITES

I have heard of the Critic's Circle, but I have not yet heard of a critic who could be squared.

Murray Sider

Some are merely dramatic, and others are merely critical, but nearly all, bless their hearts! are Co-Optimists, when the circumstances in any way permit.

Phyllis Monkman

There are three principal kinds of brave men—lion-tamers, widowers who re-marry, and Dramatic Critics. Of these three the latter is by far the most courageous. The first two often die from the dangerous nature of their undertaking; the Dramatic Critic must often wish he could. When I feel depressed and dissatisfied with my lot I often sit apart from my fellows and try to imagine myself sitting night after night in the stalls watching each new show as it comes along and then writing the truth about it without offending anybody. Would I swap jobs with a theatrical scribe? No! No!! N-n-n-no!!!

Gaiety Theatre.

125, Shaftesbury Ave.

As I have always considered a bad criticism better than no criticism, I shall always welcome the Dramatic Critic. Moreover, as every single member of the audience can do as much or as little good to the play by his own passed-on verdict, the abolition of critics and criticism would have a more disastrous effect on theatres than any coal strike.

George Grossmith

Adelphi Theatre,

In my humble opinion Dramatic Critics are a very wonderful body of men and possessed of enormous strength of mind and will power. How they can sit out night after night, week after week, month after month, and year after year, the efforts of a lot of, more or less, aspiring (and *per*spiring) actors, including myself, passes my understanding. Personally, I have nothing but admiration for them, plus a feeling of gratitude: to *me* their life must be one long round of "Put and Take"—putting their first night impressions into print and taking all the "nasty knocks" afterwards for doing so.

For the life of me I could not think, when you asked me, what to say about Dramatic Critics. Then I met a well-known specimen of the breed. I asked his advice, and in reply he told me this story of Dr. Johnson: "What right have you to criticise acting?" said an actor to the Doctor on one occasion. "Have you ever acted?" "No," replied the Doctor, "but I'm as good a judge of mutton as any sheep!" In the face of that observation, and the fact that Dramatic Critics are the only men in this world who are paid to know more about other men's jobs than the other men know themselves, there is nothing to be said against them. In any case, I have always had a sneaking regard for Dramatic Critics, ever since the *Hertfordshire Chronicle*, some umpteen years ago, described me as a very great actor, at the age of seven!

W. H. Berry

In wisdom they're magnanimous,
And kind in their verbosity;
They seldom err upon the side
Of reckless generosity.

Robb Huston

Fay Compton

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PANTOMIME

Photograph Dobson Studios, Liverpool

MR. GEORGE JACKLEY

As "Baron Pas de Largent" in "Cinderella" at the Lyceum Theatre

LITTLE MADELEINE ROBINSON

(Niece of Mr. W. Heath Robinson as "Betty" in "Where the Rainbow Ends" at the Apollo Theatre

Photograph Hugh Cecil

MISS JOAN MACLEAN

The new "Peter Pan" in Mr. Gilbert Miller's production at the St. James's Theatre

MISS LOUIE BECKMAN

As the "Prince" in the Lyceum Pantomime

Photograph Campbell Gray

MR. CHAS. AUSTIN

Who is the "Widow Twankey" in the pantomime at the Palladium

Photograph Bassano

MISS BEATRICE GALLOWAY

As "Goody" among the Fairies in "The Windmill Man" at the Victoria Palace

Photograph Malcolm Arbuthnot

MISS MADGE SAUNDERS

As the "Princess" in "Jack and the Beanstalk"

PRINCIPALS

Photograph *Fielding, Leeds*

MISS MONA MAGNET

The principal boy (Boy Blue) in "Red Riding Hood" at the Kennington Theatre

Photograph *Relph and Co.*

MR. ARTHUR RIGBY

As "Dame Durden" in "Red Riding Hood"

PART OF MR. GEORGE ROBEY'S FACE

As it appears at the Hippodrome in "Jack and the Beanstalk." Mr. Robey is the "Dame"

Photograph *Bassano*

MISS SYLVIA OAKLEY

As "Wendy" at the St. James's Theatre

Photograph *Foulsham and Banfield*

THE DOLLY SISTERS

In "The Babes in the Wood" at the New Oxford

Photograph *Campbell Gray*

MISS TOOTS POUNDS

The "Princess" in the Palladium Pantomime

THE DRAMATIC CRITIC CRITICISED (*concluded*)

NEW THEATRE,

I think the best advice to Dramatic Critics is the notice that was once posted up by a travelling manager in a "fit-up" in a "way-back" American mining town, "Don't shoot the actors—they're doing their best!" And to the actors, "Don't worry over your bad notice in the *Morning Tale*; the whole world isn't talking about it." And to both, "Keep a sense of humour—if you can—and don't take yourselves too seriously.

Matheson Lang

ST. JAMES'S THEATRE,

Personally, I do not think the Actors' opinion of Critics is of any particular value. When the cheap illustrated papers were introduced first to London they took a great deal of the interest in dramatic criticism—as far as the public were concerned—away from the daily papers. I used to enjoy the pen-pictures of Clement Scott, William

Archer, Moy Thomas, and others. I shall always be grateful to Dramatic Critics, for it was their kind reference to my work that sent managers down to the Fulham Road twenty years ago, when I was playing at a suburban theatre, and next day found myself with offers from West End managers.

Lyn Harding

I love little Critics, their coats are so warm,
And if they don't slate me, I'll do them no harm,
But if they do roast me, don't matter a "D,"
For they've been in the Bar, and so didn't see me.

They come in for nothing, nine times out of ten,
More often than not with no ink in their pen,
And after they've blotted the Manager's scotch,
On their journalist gun they will carve you a notch.

But they're very good fellows, believe me or not,
If they don't like our show then we say "They write rot,"
But if they do praise us our heads grow in size,
And off to the office we go for a rise.

When it comes to the point we are of the same tribe,
We rely on each other, both Actor and Scribe,
If I speak of them nicely, I've nothing to fear,
So here's their Good Health and a Happy New Year.

Leslie Henson

I love London critics,
Their hearts are so warm,
And if you don't wake 'em
They'll do you no harm!

Yours sincerely,

Pat Noller

I should hate to criticise Dramatic Critics. Criticism is not my job—any more than acting is theirs. Besides, I have a first night coming. . . .

Laddie Cliff.

HAYMARKET THEATRE,

You ask for my opinion of the present-day Dramatic Critic. I think it would be a most interesting experiment

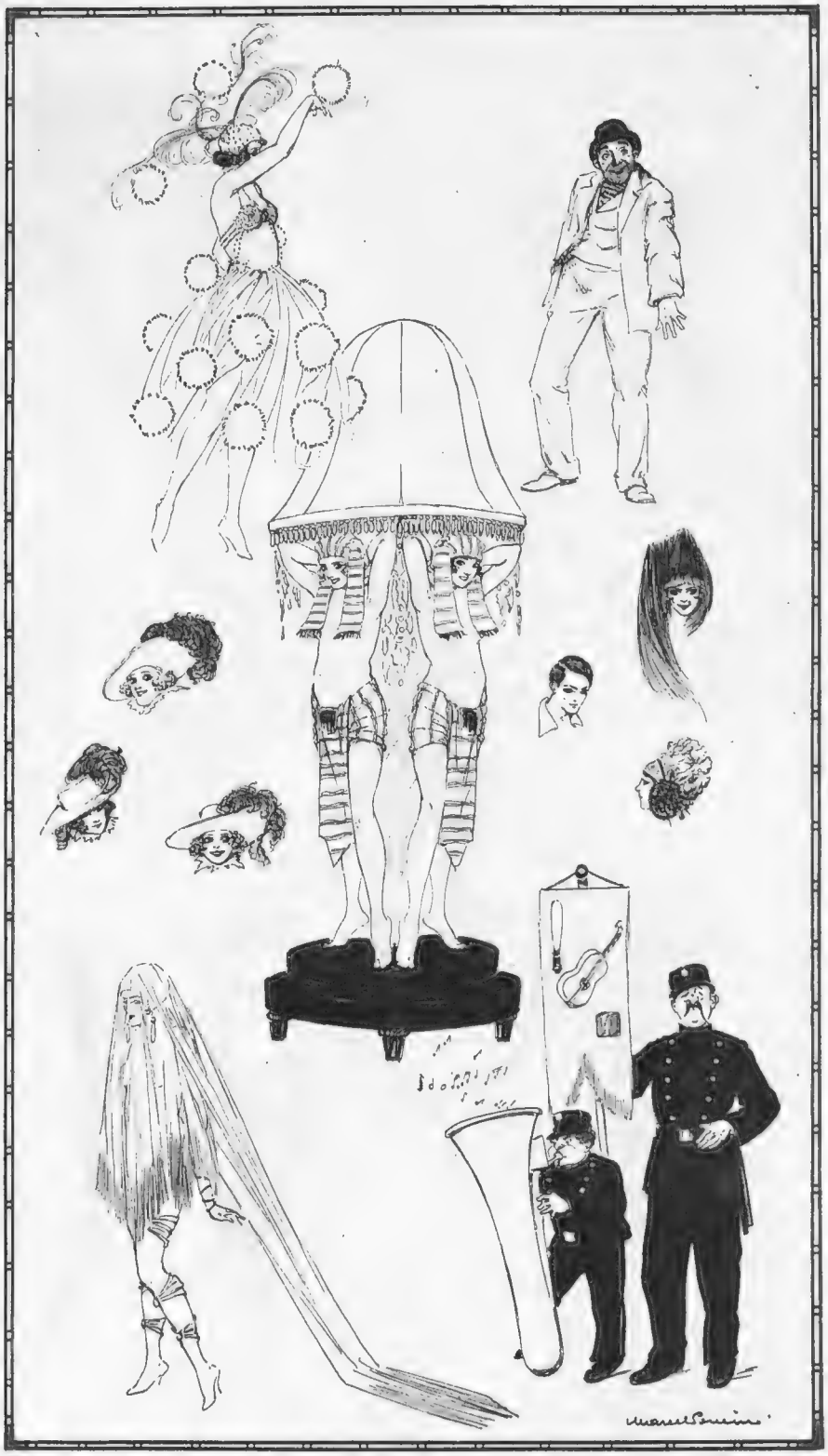
if all the critics came to the last night of a play instead of the first, so that they could tell everybody who had not been able to see it and form their own opinion all about it.

Fay Compton

A Drop Scene

BY NORMAN KEENE

A "WALKING ON" (AND OFF) PART IN AN OLD-TIME DRAMA



IMPRESSIONS AT THE FOLIES BERGÈRE

MES AMIS—

AT the eyes of the English friend who comes to make the week-end, or the fortnight, in *cher Paris*, there has appeared to exist but a sole theatre, which is the Folies Bergère. If one has had to be the pilot of such friend, one has been the witness of his many surprises. He has shown the delighted interest, after to have his fill of the Folies Bergère by three visits, to learn that there is another Folies Bergère which is called the Casino de Paris. And so have another three nights been pleasantly passed. Then one has introduced to him the smaller and the more far-out revue *établissements* of the Mayol and the Ba-Ta-Clan. All has gone well until one has fancied it should be the fit time to mention that there are also in Paris the Theatres, the real Theatres. And then the English *ami* has recalled that, "Perhaps one has spent too many nights at the theatres," and that it shall be as well to make the *connaissance* of Montmartre or Montparnasse.

AND so he returns without to have visited at all a theatre and tells to his friend at home all about what he has seen. And when his friend descends upon us, one has to make sure "not to let him miss the stuff" that Jack has seen. Well, well! It is no doubt a good thing for the proprietors of the Folies Bergère and *les autres* that the Anglo-Saxons from the two sides of the Atlantic have the affections which do not falter for the *spectacles révélateurs*. *Autrement* one should have to *fermer les portes* (*faute d'argent*), and that should be rather a shame. *Après tout*, there is often the beautiful and the clever, as well as the bold and the brazen, in the revues.

IF there is the excess in the undress, there is the rich compensation in the special "dress tableaux" of the *couturiers*. There is not any *Anglaise* who could not forgive all

L'HEURE ESPAGNOLE AT THE GRAND

PARIS NIGHTS

BY "ROLAND"

OPERA. COMPOSED BY "RAVEL"

ENTERTAINMENTS

SKETCHES BY MARCEL PONCIN

which has gone before when she shall see the "tableau of the silks" at the Casino de Paris. Not any tale of the fairies, nor of the Nights of Arabia, has depicted the such gorgeous assemblies of the brocades, the crepes, and the foulards. It is a spectacle to make shabby the gossamer robes of the Queen of the Fairies, or make pale the pinks and purples of the princesses of Persia. If there is in the world a cloak to dazzle more than the one worn by Mistinguett, it shall surprise me. It is just as well that one shall make disappear Mistinguett a little under the wealth of her dresses, for there is perhaps a little too much of "Miss" in this revue. One could like to hear a little more of Marie Dubas, who sings so saucily the song of the "shimmy" with the English girls in the nighties, nursing the dolls which perform the shimmy also when they are set down upon the stage. One likes to see the others shine a little despite the thankfulness for the brilliance of the *étoile*.

A NEW REVUE AT THE CASINO DE PARIS

THERE is to be said in favour of the construction of the revue Folies Bergère, that the plums are distributed among the cast, and one is enabled to applaud the greater numbers. One could speak here also of the magnificence of the silks and the satins if it were not for the super-luxury of those at the Casino. But one must mention certainly the cleverness of the stagecraft, which has achieved some especial triumphs. There is the vision to entrance of the march of the cavaliers "from the Beyond," which I have best liked of all in its simplicity of perfection. There is also the wondrous colour scheme, which one shall not ever forget, of the Fall of Babylon. It has been made necessary to adorn a little more substantially the charmers of the wild night, by the criticisms of the shocked Senators, but one is afraid that the tableau would still have the difficulties to pass the Watch Committees.

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PARIS NIGHTS ENTERTAINMENTS (*concluded*)

SIMILARLY with the Bathing Hour in the Harem and the mantelpiece of the living statuary, the which one might accuse to be a little too alive. But these studies of the *genre Bal des Quat'z' Arts* have been most carefully placed at the long distances one from the other, and the intervals are packed with the entirely different subjects.

YOU will say that I am as bad as the English *ami* who comes to make the week-end, and that I have not devoted the attention to the real theatres. But one must plead that this was the design. And one has, moreover, to confess that at the present they are rather dull. There is L'Amour, L'Amour almost all the way round, and while the verb *aimer* is the verb of the most interest, the most recent conjugators do not seem to have discovered any moods which have the appeal of freshness. *En effet* the most remarkable fashion is the number of titles which are composed of *aimer*, or some derivative. There is *Aimer* itself, which has failed to excite the enthusiasms of the audiences of the Comédie Française, there is *Le Verbe Aimer*, there is *Lorsqu' On Aime*, and there are, best of all, the old friends, *Amoureuse* and *Amants*.

PERHAPS it is because of the poverty of the new *aimer* efforts that one has revived the old favourites. In *L'Heure Espagnole* the artists indulge in a mockery of the style of grand opera—and appear to take a delight in it. Most unusual for this national temple of the arts, where they have a habit to take themselves most seriously. One must also mention *La Danseuse Rouge*, which has attained the popularity because one has supposed it to be the story of Mata-Hari, "greatest woman-spy of the century." There is nothing new to be said about the Grand Guignol, where the blood is still curdled. If there should be the call for the staff doctor he would still be found to have fainted, like the rest of the spectators. ROLAND

Photograph *Foulsham and Banfield*

MISS DOROTHY WARD

Who is the principal boy in "Mother Goose" at the Alhambra, Glasgow

"IN ENGLAND-NOW!"

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM

Blanchette

ILLUSTRATED BY HELEN McKIE

"Never be able to face plum pudding again"

LONDON, *January 2*

DEAR COUSIN—

RATHER glad, really, to find myself properly in the New Year at last. I mean, of course, didn't like to talk of it at the time, but what sort of luck, after all, *can* you expect to get in a year that comes, when you tot its figures up, to the fatal number thirteen? I ask you.

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PLAYED up to its omens, too, the old year did, mostly. Helped our incomes to go down and down, for one thing, while income (and other) taxes soared serenely up. And strikes, Irish troubles, and all sorts of horrid things happened, with only an extra dose of sunshine to save us from getting positively quite cross with things. But now that it's finally faded away and turned into 1922, *we* seem to be rather starting to turn the corner, too, don't we?

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WORLD looks a bit brighter—what? Sort of weight seems to be lifted from one's mind, and it isn't altogether and entirely the weight of the holiday festivs., either — though they *are* rather by way of having a slightly clinging and cloying effect, however joyous and successful. So very much more than one's ordinary rations (solid *and* liquid) has got to be consumed, as a mere matter of duty, not to mention pleasure. Don't much care, myself, if I don't ever look a turkey or a plum-pudding or a *marron glacé* in its bad, though beautiful, face again. . . .

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BUT, oh! what *do* we poor, paltry grown-ups really know about the Christmas holiday spirit and its true fascination and charm? Takes something well under sixteen, and preferably not over twelve, to appreciate in the very least the mysterious rapture that envelops these most blessed and delightful times. When (to the sufficiently young and rightly attuned mind) there is a perpetual and all-pervading atmosphere of rich opulence, presents and treats that fall as if from heaven.

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TO be a child . . . how lovely. To be loved all round, and have things done for you, and have nothing in the world expected of you in return! Not in these more or less enlightened days, anyway—though I believe in the bad old times of Queen Victoria and other legendary monarchs, children were actually expected to be thankful to their parents for being brought into the world, and intensely grateful for being provided by them with board and lodging *gratis* and free of cost! Must say I rather think they ought to have a Victorian parent or two at Mme. Tussaud's—I won't say exactly what part or department thereof. . . .

"What luck can you expect to get in a year that comes, when you tot its figures up, to the fatal number 13?"

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QUITE a lot of children, by the way, in the audience at a dress rehearsal I went to the other day of *The Maid of the Mountains* at Daly's. They all loved it all through, I daresay . . . I don't know. The only part where they showed any outward signs of enjoyment was when the funny man, Tonio, fell over his feet and his sword and all that sort of thing. And I rather agreed.

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TO think how one loved this brand of musical comedy only four or five or six short years ago! The romantic hero (getting a bit grey now), with uniform almost as gorgeous as a movie commissionaire's, performing fearfully dangerous deeds with complete self-confidence that the final curtain will set all things

"IN ENGLAND—NOW!" (*concluded*)

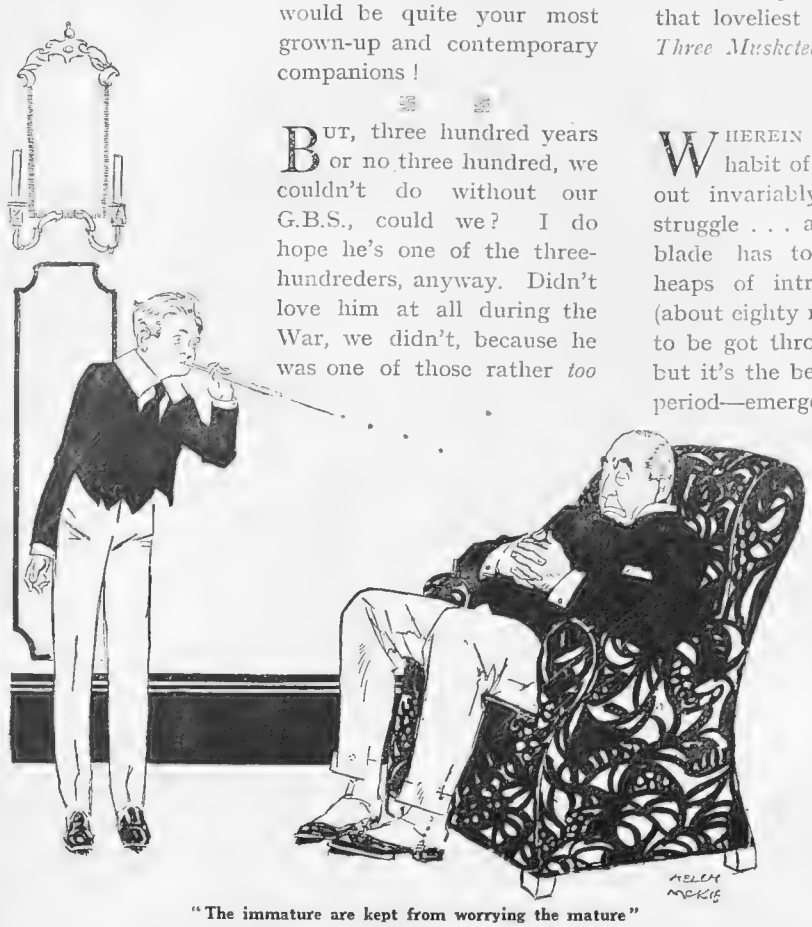
right. . . . The highly accomplished heroine (comfortably married into the peerage) flashing eyes and teeth and voice at you, and doing desperately captivating things, with hand on hips, also in complete self-confidence, etc. . . . And all complete with sympathetic chorus of both sexes in Ruritanian costume to match!

How young one must have been once—that's the, p'raps, slightly sad reflection that seems to overtake you somehow when you revisit these scenes of your youth, so to speak. Though youth, after all, is rather a comparative term. Especially if, like Mr. Bernard Shaw in his new "meta-biological pentateuch" that he calls *Back to Methuselah*, you contemplate the idea of its being quite possible for us to live in the not too distant future for at least three hundred years!

"'Doug.' d'Artagnan"

Three hundred years! Think what one could do in the time. . . . Only I wonder if, after all, in the end, it would make much difference. If everybody else lived three hundred years, too, I mean. And if they didn't . . . well, rather a lonely and aloof sort of time one'd have for the last couple of hundred years or so, wouldn't one? And *how* bored you'd be even with the immature infants of seventy or thereabouts, who would be quite your most grown-up and contemporary companions!

But, three hundred years or no three hundred, we couldn't do without our G.B.S., could we? I do hope he's one of the three-hundreders, anyway. Didn't love him at all during the War, we didn't, because he was one of those rather *too* clever people who kindly told us it didn't matter who won, and rather too successfully carried out his boasted pose of standing on his head, so to speak. But now, I think, we're prepared to forgive nearly everything. As long, that is, as the person to be forgiven is at least sufficiently entertaining.



"The immature are kept from worrying the mature"

Which G. B. S., anyway, even at his most serious, seldom fails to be. Schools (says he, for inst.) are "prisons in which the immature are *kept* from worrying the mature." And also, talking of politics, remarks that politicians improve the world so gradually that nobody can see the improvement. While as to our real heaven-born rulers, he actually has the audacity to note, innocently, that "our Prime Ministers, though rated as mature, divide their time between the golf course and the Treasury Bench."

A sordid sort of life, this, at best, isn't it? according to our philosophers, and others. Quite a relief, really, to pull oneself out of its paltry everyday littlenesses and intrigues for once, and plunge into the glorious romance of life as it should be lived romantically—and as demonstrated to the world in that loveliest and most exciting of film-plays, *The Three Musketeers*, at Covent Garden.

Wherein the incredible makes positively a habit of happening, and love and valour come out invariably on top. Though not without a struggle . . . ah, no! "Doug." d'Artagnan's gallant blade has to do lots of overtime, and there's heaps of intriguing and stabbing and galloping (about eighty miles an hour along a *very* dusty road) to be got through before—well, not exactly virtue, but it's the best we can do for you considering the period—emerges eventually triumphant and utterly confounds the (more or less respectable and conventional) villain of the piece.

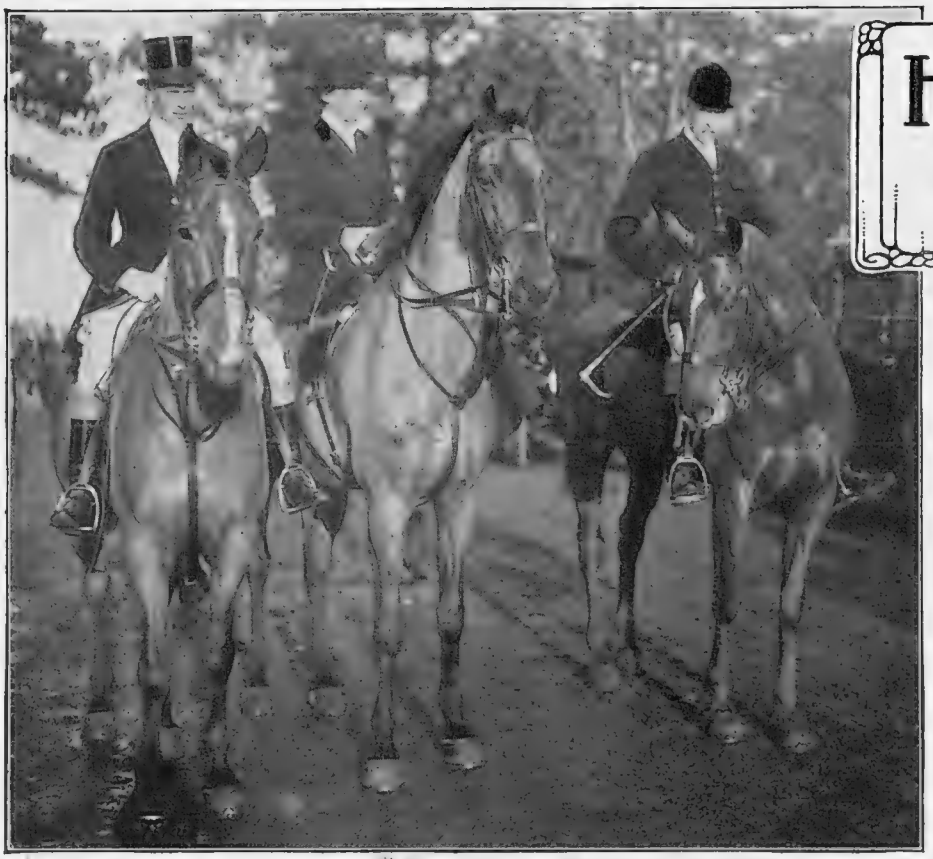
Quite like old times, it was (talking of past and ancient days) to see *The Maid of the Mountains* blossoming out hardily and perennially at Daly's last week. With hero and heroine, complete with songs, and lots of nice, simple, thrilling songs about doves and loves and kisses and blisses, and all that sort of thing. Which sort of thing, after all, *is* in the end the most important part of life as lived in the theatre—or out of it—isn't it?

With love, yours ever,

Blanchette

BY HOWARD K. ELCOCK

TABLE D'ÔTAGE



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PRINCESS MARY WITH THE WEST NORFOLK

The Duke of York, Princess Mary, and Viscount Lascelles at the Boxing Day meet of the West Norfolk at Tittleshall. Prince Henry was also riding that day

HUNTING NOTES

BY A. W. COATEN

Recent Sport

IT was a green Christmas after all. A day previously it was doubtful whether there would be any hunting at all, for the country looked like being securely frost-bound. That would have brought severe disappointment to many a country house party. A sudden change in the elements produced a return to balmy, spring-like conditions, with the ground greatly benefited as the result of a heavier soaking than it had received for some time. Thus all was well with the Christmas week hunting fixtures, and many packs were able to show excellent sport. Unfortunately, the West Norfolk found scent against them after Lord Lascelles had accompanied Princess Mary and her brothers to the meet of that pack at Tittleshall. This was a disappointment to the Princess, who naturally was anxious for the Bramham Moor M.F.H. to see her home pack to the best advantage.

In West Norfolk

As an experienced foxhunter, however, Lord Lascelles will have recognised the futility of expecting good sport when hounds are unable to own the line for more than a quarter of a mile before throwing up their heads. On other days the West Norfolk have done decidedly well in a moderate scenting season. For example, their recent run of an hour and a half with a good fox from Letton, in the course of which a wide expanse of country was covered, was highly creditable. The Sandringham coverts come within the boundaries of the Hunt, and the Royal gamekeepers find no difficulty in keeping foxes as well as pheasants there. The whole property, indeed, is a model country estate, and I have spent some pleasant days there looking at the brood mares and other stock. Friar Marcus is now standing at the Sandringham stud, and has begun his new career very promisingly.

A Word to Motorists

SEVERAL Masters of Hounds have lately had reason to complain of the too close attendance of motor-cars and motor-cycles upon their packs. It cannot be too strongly pointed out that the practice of following hounds along the roads and lanes by motor is most objectionable to those who are endeavouring to show sport. Foxes are often headed by the motors, and many a promising run has been spoilt in this way. Lord Orkney is the latest to issue an urgent appeal to motorists. It is said that in his country, the Whaddon Chase, many instances have lately occurred of motors waiting close to coverts which hounds were expected to draw. Obviously, this can become an intolerable nuisance, and Lord Orkney sharply reminds those who have made a practice of attending the hunt in motor-cars that they are doing a disservice to sport.

Anticipating the Draw

BUT motorists are not the only guilty parties in assembling near coverts which are to be drawn. Riders have been known to save themselves the trouble of attending the meeting-place by taking a short cut to the first covert of the day, there awaiting the arrival of the pack. No doubt foxes are often scared by the premature muster of horsemen in the neighbourhood of their retreats. If M.F.H.'s who are troubled in this direction had the courage which Lord Lonsdale displayed during one of his terms of office in the Cottesmore country, and would now and again take hounds away in a direction contrary to that in which they are expected, we

Photograph *Eric Guy*

VETERAN FOLLOWERS OF THE VINE

The Duke of Wellington (left) and Sir Richard Rycroft leaving the Duke's seat, Ewhurst Park, Basingstoke, for the meet. Sir Richard Rycroft also lives at Basingstoke

THE YOUNGEST LADY MASTER

Miss Eileen Berry, who is still in her teens, has been made the Master of the Gelligaer and Talybont Hounds at Merthyr Tydfil

should hear a good deal less of the annoyance.

When Not to Holloa

WITH the Cottesmore one day last week a good hunt came to an abrupt end through hounds being holloaed on to a hare. Indiscriminate holloaing is one of the nuisances of the hunting field. Who has not seen the excitable individual who has yelled at the top of his voice to attract attention, whereas he might have ridden up to the Master or huntsman to tell him quietly about what he had seen, or else have ridden to where he had viewed the fox and silently held his hat aloft? Hounds have repeatedly been brought to a holloa only for it to be discovered that the hunted fox had not been viewed, but some much more sprightly customer.

A Sad Affair

THE death of Mr. J. T. Duncan, the Cardiff shipowner, was a distressing feature of Christmas week hunting in the Badminton country. Considering that the number of regular foxhunters runs into many thousands, and taking account, too, of the prevalence of hidden wire in these days, there are comparatively few very serious accidents. Wire was not to blame for Mr. Duncan's sad end. His horse refused at a stone wall, and the rider was pitched on to his head. It was the first fatal accident of the season, and I sincerely hope it will be the last. A. W. C.

Photograph *Sport and General*

MOVING OFF TO COVERT

Members of the Gelligaer and Talybont moving off to covert. The Hunt is entirely controlled by ladies, Miss Eileen Berry being Master, and Miss Dalzie James and Mrs. Griffith Llewellyn Secretary and Treasurer. Miss Berry has already given followers some excellent sport

Photograph *Central Press*

THE INTER-'VARSITY ICE-HOCKEY MATCH

On the rink at Mürren, where Oxford, perfect combination, scored a runaway win against Cambridge by no fewer than 27 goals to nil. Eight of the goals were hit by F. M. Bacon, of Magdalen

SPORTS & PASTIMES

THE IRISH QUESTION IN SPORT

Changed Relations

WHAT is going to happen in regard to sport when Ireland becomes the Irish Free State? I do not suggest that the change, whatever its other consequences may be, is going to affect the amicable relations which have always subsisted between English and Irish sportsmen, but since the two nations will be on a different footing as regards each other, the footing upon which their representatives oppose each other or unite for purposes of sport will, of necessity, also be different.

International Football

TAKE, for instance, the case of Rugby football. At present there is an International Championship which has been competed for by the nations comprising the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for nearly forty years. If and when Ireland becomes a Free State she will be able to play international matches against England, Scotland, and Wales in the same manner as these countries are opposed by France or by visiting teams from the Colonies, but she will no longer be able to compete in the International Championship of the United Kingdom. The only way out of the difficulty would be to make a special exception in favour of Ireland, which might be regarded as invidious and (in the circumstances) inappropriate, or else to enlarge the sphere of the competition, which would be doing violence to tradition. It would mean, in fact, the abolition of a time-honoured championship and the setting up of an entirely new one in its place.

Photograph *L. N. A.*

A SKI-JUMPER IN MID-AIR

Photographed at Mürren. Ski-jumping is one of the most exhilarating and at the same time most difficult of all winter sports, though to the man in the picture it seems easy enough

A Davis Cup Problem—

AGAIN, in lawn tennis the British Isles count as one nation for the purposes of the Davis Cup Competition. Incidentally, Ireland has contributed materially to some of the victories of the British Isles in past contests. But in future the British Isles will, in fact, be two nations and not one, or, to put it in another way, Ireland will no longer be one of the British Isles. It is conceivable, therefore, that in future any nation competing in the Davis Cup will be entitled to object to the inclusion of an Irish player in the British Isles team unless he is qualified by residence to play in it, and that, conversely, Ireland will be able to enter a team for the Davis Cup "on her own" if she is so minded.

—And Some Others

IF Sir Thomas Lipton challenges again for the America Cup his challenge must not emanate, as hitherto, from an Irish Yacht Club if he wishes England to "lift" the Cup. In athletics the performances of Irish athletes will no longer count in the establishment of British amateur or professional records, and there are other sports which, without a doubt, will be similarly affected when Ireland gets the thing which she is supposed to want. I have merely cited the cases which have occurred to me most readily. Undoubtedly there are others, and although there is no need to take too serious a view of the situation, I feel, nevertheless, that it is one which will call for careful handling.

GOLF

Exit the Handicap Test

IT seems a little curious that concurrently with the efforts which are being made to standardise handicapping throughout the country the Championship Committee should have decided to do away with the handicap qualification for the Amateur Championship. The handicap qualification was admittedly unsatisfactory, but that

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Excerpts from "Operatic Golf"

Sung by the Co-Optimists at the Palace Theatre

DAVY BURNABY AND GILBERT CHILDS

STANLEY HOLLOWAY AND MELVILLE GIDEON

Photographs by Stage Photo Co.

(*Refrain :* "365 Days"—sung by Davy Burnaby and Gilbert Childs)

Three hundred and sixty-five days,
The game of golf you play ;
Three hundred and sixty-five days,
You play it every day ;
But always remember, from January to December,
The game is not all it appears,
For some who are scoffin'
Won't learn to play golf in
Three hundred and sixty-five years !

(*Refrain :* "Where my Caravan" —sung by Melville Gideon)

Where my handicap was tested,
Divots lie upon the grass ;
All the lovely, flowery language,
You shall hear it as you pass.
(Silly ass !)

(*Refrain :* "Glorious Devon" —sung by Davy Burnaby)

At the short fifteenth at Wimbledon Park,
My drive I skied to heaven ;
Then I played another one out in the rough,
And took a seven—
A seven—
Glorious seven !

LADDIE CLIFF

(*Refrain :* "Swing High, Swing Low"—sung by Stanley Holloway)

Swing high, swing low,
Swing to, swing fro ;
The harder you hit it,
The less it will go.
In rhythmic rhyme,
Keep tune and time ;
And the caddy will say :
"You're improvin' your gime !"
(That was the only rhyme).

(*Refrain :* "Yip - I - Addy" —sung by Laddie Cliff

Tip the caddy, I-Ay, I-Ay,
Tip the caddy, I-Ay ;
We don't care what becomes of us,
Whether our handicap's minus or plus,
So tip the caddy I-Ay, I-Ay,
And then we can all shout "Hooray !"
For it's always the same at the end of the game—
Tip the caddy, I-Ay.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES (concluded)

was because handicapping was in such a chaotic state. There is nothing wrong with the principle of the handicapping qualification, and the inference, therefore, is that the Championship Committee do not think that it is possible to regularise handicapping sufficiently to make the handicap test a reliable one

The Burden of Responsibility

HOWEVER that may be the handicap qualification has gone. In place of it a competitor's entry must have the approval of the committee of the club from which he elects to make his entry, and the Championship Committee have expressed their belief—somewhat ungrammatically — that committees of clubs "will not forward the entry of any player whom they consider should not compete in the Championship." I very much doubt whether this pious hope will be realised and whether all club committees will prove equal to the task of discharging the duty which has been thrust upon them with that strict impartiality which is called for in the circumstances.

Doubts and Difficulties

LET us take the case of the player who is the life and soul of his club, popular, influential, and all the rest of it. He may be, and probably is, himself on the committee and a personal friend of his colleagues. Is it not tolerably certain that if he proposes to enter for the Championship they will be irresistibly impelled to strain a point in his favour, even though they may really think that he is not quite up to championship form? Will they not feel instinctively that it will be difficult for them to meet quite on the old footing if they turn him down? This is only a solitary instance, but it is easy to think of others in which complications might arise.

Photograph *Topical*

WANTED—ONE RUN!

When the Australasians started their second innings in the last Test Match against South Africa, the winning of which gave them the rubber, they only wanted one run. The veteran wicket-keeper, H. Carter (right), and the "googlie" bowler, A. A. Mailey, were given the job of making it. This photograph was taken just before they went to the wickets

A Source of Friction

I DO not suppose for one instant that the players who really matter in the championship will be at all affected by the new arrangement, but I doubt whether it will work satisfactorily in the case of the men who are on the border line, and I fear that it will give rise to a good deal of domestic friction and unpleasantness in clubs throughout the country.

H. S. S.

RACING·NOTIONS

BY "CARBINE"

Wootton's Bad Luck

EVERYBODY sympathises with Frank Wootton in the unfortunate mishap which is keeping him out of the saddle. A steeplechase jockey needs to have as many lives as a cat. He has to get up on all sorts of jumpers, and reckons himself lucky if he gets through a couple of days without a fall. Cross-country riders could never stand the knocking about they get unless they were as hard as nails. Frank's accident, resulting in a broken collar-bone, was most unexpected. He was giving that fine jumper, Southampton, a school over fences at Findon when he came down. I think I am right in saying that this 'chaser has never fallen in any of his races. The horse, as well as jockey, was hurt.

F. Rees on Top

THIS accident deprived us of what would have been an exceedingly close finish for the championship of the National Hunt riders. Wootton and Fred Rees were "neck and neck" at the head of the list up to Christmas, but the latter was able to "finish alone," and wound up the year on top. Rees's triumphs included the Grand National on Shaun Spadah. He is certainly one of the best all-round jockeys of the period. Over the fences he is just as good as he is over hurdles, and as a judge of pace there is nobody to beat him. I remember seeing him get the better of Carslake in a very close finish on the flat. George Poole's stable is fortunate in having such a consummate horseman attached to it, while Rees, for his part, is assured of an abundance of well-schooled mounts.

National Mounts

I EXPECT we shall again see Fred Rees on Shaun Spadah in the next Grand National. Wootton, providing his damaged shoulder goes on in the right way, will probably be on the best of Bob Gore's lot. I am not sure which horse will have the services of Jack Anthony, who has such a splendid record over the Liverpool country. Frank Hartigan, for whom he has been riding regularly this season, will probably want him for Norton. His old friend, Aubrey Hastings, for whom he has already ridden one National winner, would like him to be up on Clashing Arms. But a greater probability is that we shall see Jack on Always. He has a very high opinion of this horse, who showed us at Dunstall Park on Boxing Day that he has now got back to his best form.

Roubaix Again

THE Prince of Wales was fortunate in seeing an intensely exciting finish at Calcutta last week for the Viceroy's Cup, India's greatest race. It was won by Roubaix by a short head from Not Much. Both these horses were well known in this country. In one sense the success of Roubaix would have given the Prince of Wales personal satisfaction, for that horse is a son of Minoru, who won the Derby in King Edward's colours. Minoru was subsequently sent to Russia, and goodness knows whether he is alive or dead now. This was Roubaix's second Viceroy's Cup, and it was only by a narrow margin that he was beaten the first time he ran for it.

This Week's Racing

AT Gatwick this week **Milesius** should repeat his Kempton success in the Maiden Hurdle Race, while **Loch Allen** may give Captain Vivian another winning ride in the Amateur Riders' Steeplechase. At Haydock Park **Bumble Bee** is likely to make a successful first appearance over hurdles. **Vive la** is my selection for the Tandridge Court Hurdle Race at Lingfield, and **Southern Gleam** for the Hammerwood Steeplechase.

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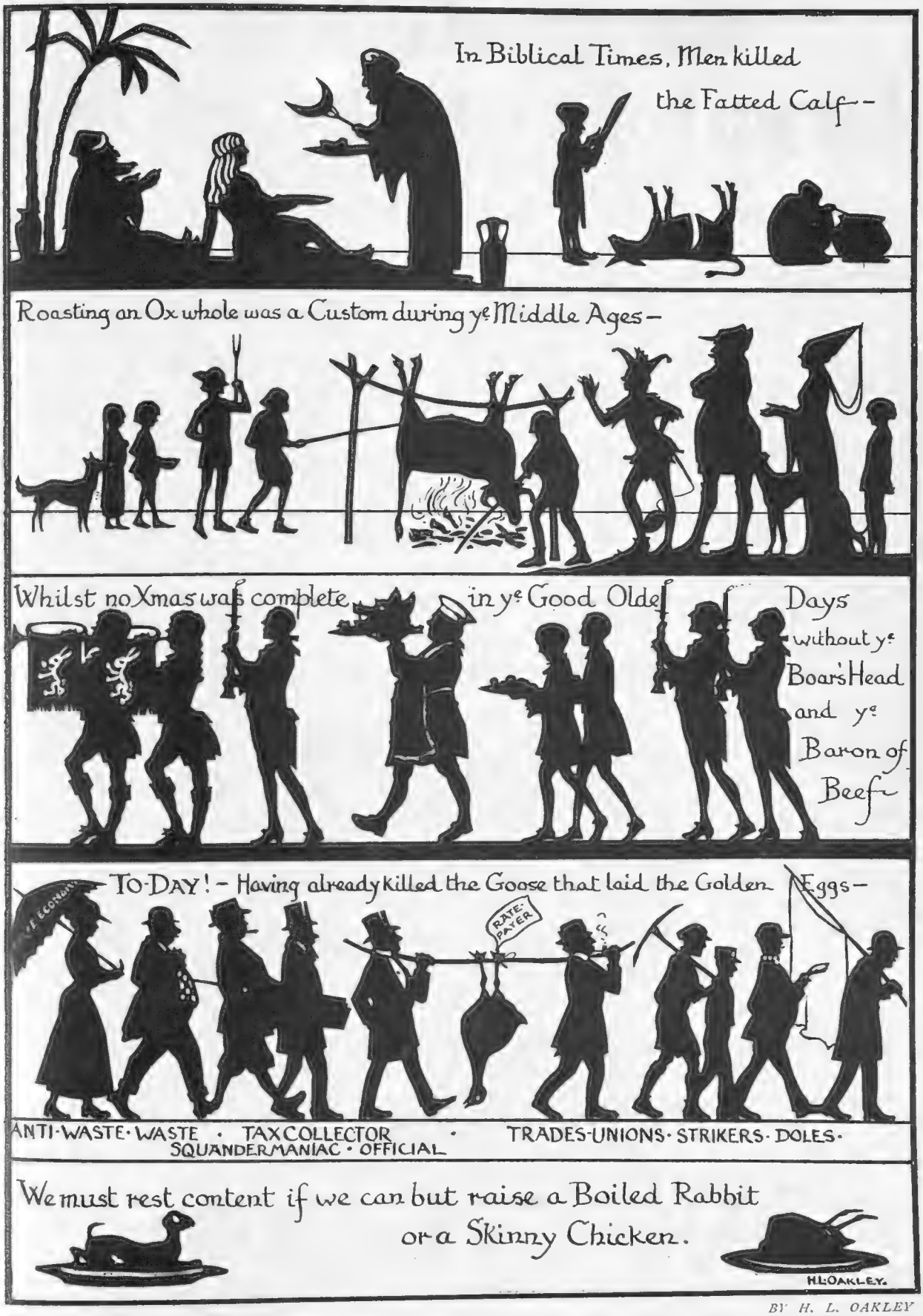
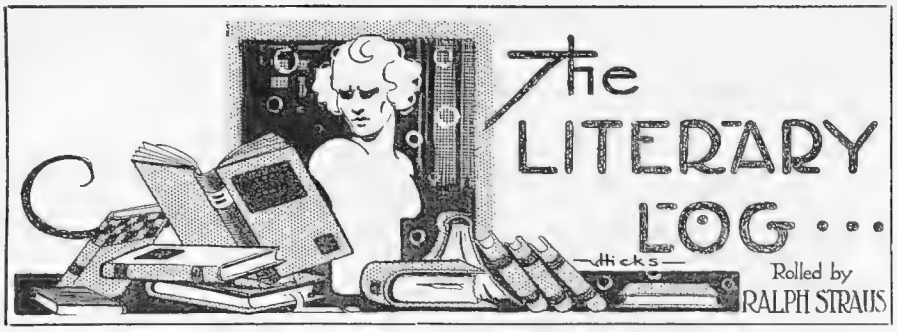


BY H. L. OAKLEY

Our pessimistic artist must have received his Income Tax papers and caught the 'flu during his Christmas festivities



MR. GERALD O'DONOVAN'S second novel, *Vocations* (Secker: 8*s.* 6*d.* net), is a very terrible book. It may be that the pictures it paints of an Irish convent, are exaggerated; most of us are not in a position to judge; but as a work of art its sheer power cannot be gainsaid. Briefly, it is the story of two sisters, the daughters of a tradesman in a small Irish town, whose wife lives for the day when she can say she has given two daughters to the Church. Winnie, the elder, is a stupid doll; she has always intended to take the veil, and take it she does—to live out a life of make-pretend happiness in the course of which she becomes the victim of a fleshly priest. She is one of the most irritating characters in modern fiction, but although you do not much mind what happens to her, you feel that Mr. O'Donovan has made her a real being. But Kitty presents a different problem. She ought never to have taken her vows, and not twenty-four hours have passed before she has realised her mistake. Nor would she have accompanied her sister to the convent had not circumstances in the outside world been altogether unusual. Even so, I expect there will be several readers who will look upon her three years' probation with surprise. Would it have taken all that time for her to understand just what she was doing? True, that nice organist does not appear on the scene until she has become Sister Catherine, but—No matter. This is a small point. Mr. O'Donovan takes you with him into this queer celibate world with its petty pretences and shams, and shows it in the worst possible light; and you know his people so well at the end that you can almost believe you have been shut up in the convent yourself for a time. Truly a terrible and unforgettable book.

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The Confession of Ursula Trent (Chapman and Hall: 8*s.* 6*d.* net). Mr. W. L. George's latest book, is supposed to be the autobiography of a girl who after the War becomes tired of "the County" to which she belongs by birth, and decides to have a look round on her own. In the modern way she refuses an allowance from her parents. (Perhaps this is only fair in these days when the Squire has a hard time to make ends meet.) In London she passes into what is sometimes called "the underworld," though no actually criminal transactions come her way, and there she has a curious time of it. As secretary to an absurd lady-novelist, she is seduced by her employer's nephew. Later on she becomes a manicurist, and ultimately sets up house with an Adonis who when he is not being unfaithful is designing ladies' dresses for a large "House." Finally, an architect comes along who restores her to her County and marries her into the bargain.

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MR. HUGH WAKEFIELD

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MISS CHRISTINE CAMPBELL THOMSON'S second novel, *The Noble Army* (Bale: 7*s.* 6*d.* net), gives a good picture of life in those troublous times when Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned and Elizabeth reigned. Young Basil Wyllard, a Catholic, takes service under Mary's gaoler, but he can do nothing to stay the tragedy. His elder brother is tortured to death, their friend, the historic Anthony Babington, is hanged. And when Basil's ancestral lands are confiscated, the outlook is dark for the boy. But the coming of the Armada gives him his chance, and the lands are returned. R. S.

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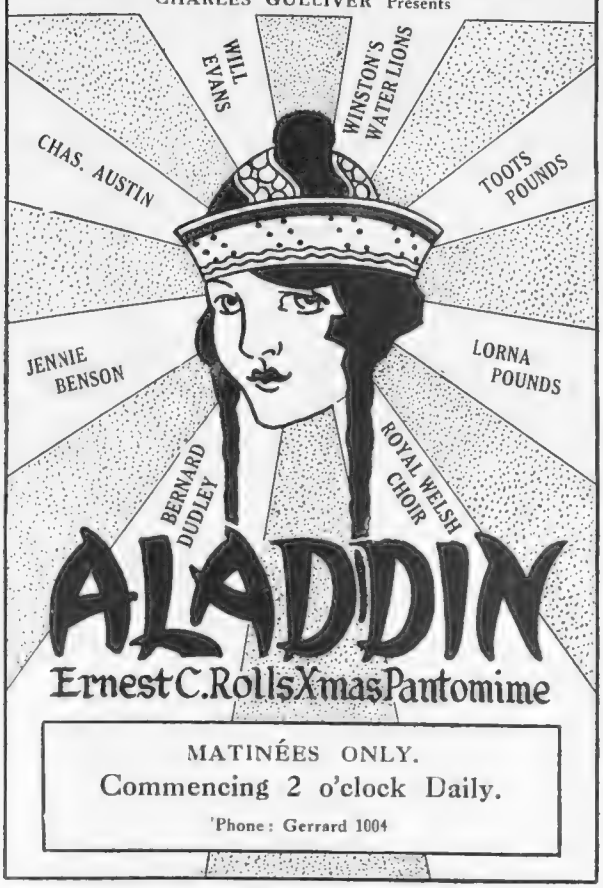

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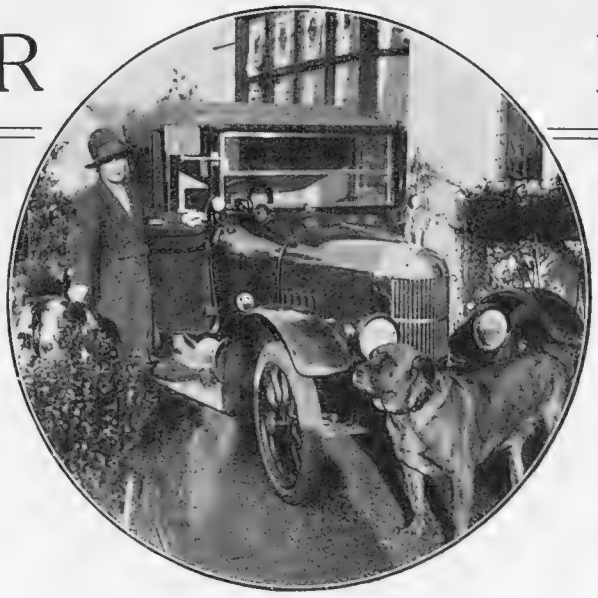

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I AM sorry to see an effort being made to popularise the hire-purchase or deferred-payments systems of buying cars. I can see very little real good coming out of this, for the ordinary user, if he or she can afford to pay out, say, £20 or £25 per month ninety-nine cases out of a hundred they can manage to raise the money to pay for the car outright. For cabmen, for the small tradesmen, for the commercial traveller, and the motor vehicle for business, this hire-purchase idea is excellent, as the bus itself earns its own payments. But I see nothing but trouble in the long run for both seller and buyer alike in this method of car-selling. In the first place, though 4 per cent. on the retail price does not appear excessive, it must be remembered that 25 per cent. of the actual cost has to be paid down, so that while a £500 car bought in this way costs £520, the extra £20 is being charged on actually £370, for £130 has to be planked down to begin with. That leaves over £30 per month to be paid, and, as I said before, the ordinary car purchaser is saddling himself with a liability I fancy he will find more than irksome and will eventually fail to pay. Then the car is thrown back on the sellers' hands. If times were such that a rising market can be looked forward to it might be all right, but as they are I'm afraid neither the maker, the dealer, nor the buyer will really benefit by hire-purchase in the long run.

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ACCORDING to the Chief Constable of Exeter very few of the identification plates on motor-cars are illuminated properly at night time. "It would be wise of motorists to pay better attention to this," he added at the local police court recently. Well, there's the tip, oh! ye Devonian motorists and others visiting that and other parts of the country, for, somehow or other, Chief Constables have a knack of following in each other's footsteps, so to speak, and *verb. sap.* On the whole motorists are a bit too lax in the back lamp illumination of the number plate, and possibly the Chief Constables are taking steps that they will worry in the near future. It would be a wonderful thing if someone could not find something to do to harry motorists. I seem to have never known the time when a motorist was allowed peaceful occupation of our roads during the past twenty-eight years. Perhaps I never shall, but I really thought the day was near at hand. Especially since we have put down £10,000,000 in 1921 alone for the said roads. Did you murmur "Shocking"? Ssh! A Happy New Year to you. OLD HY.

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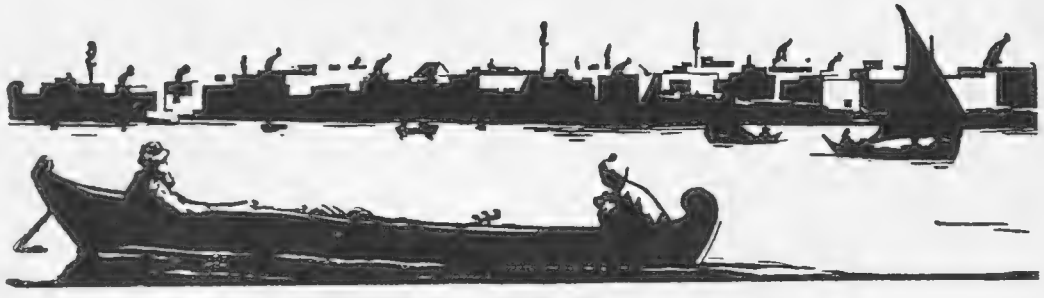

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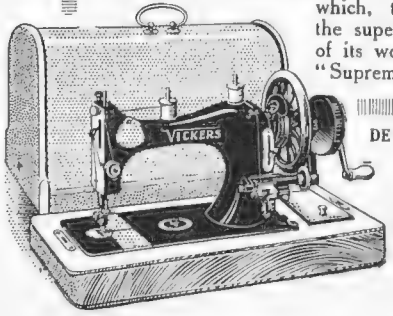

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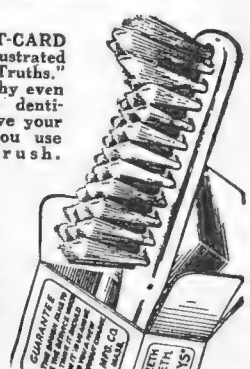

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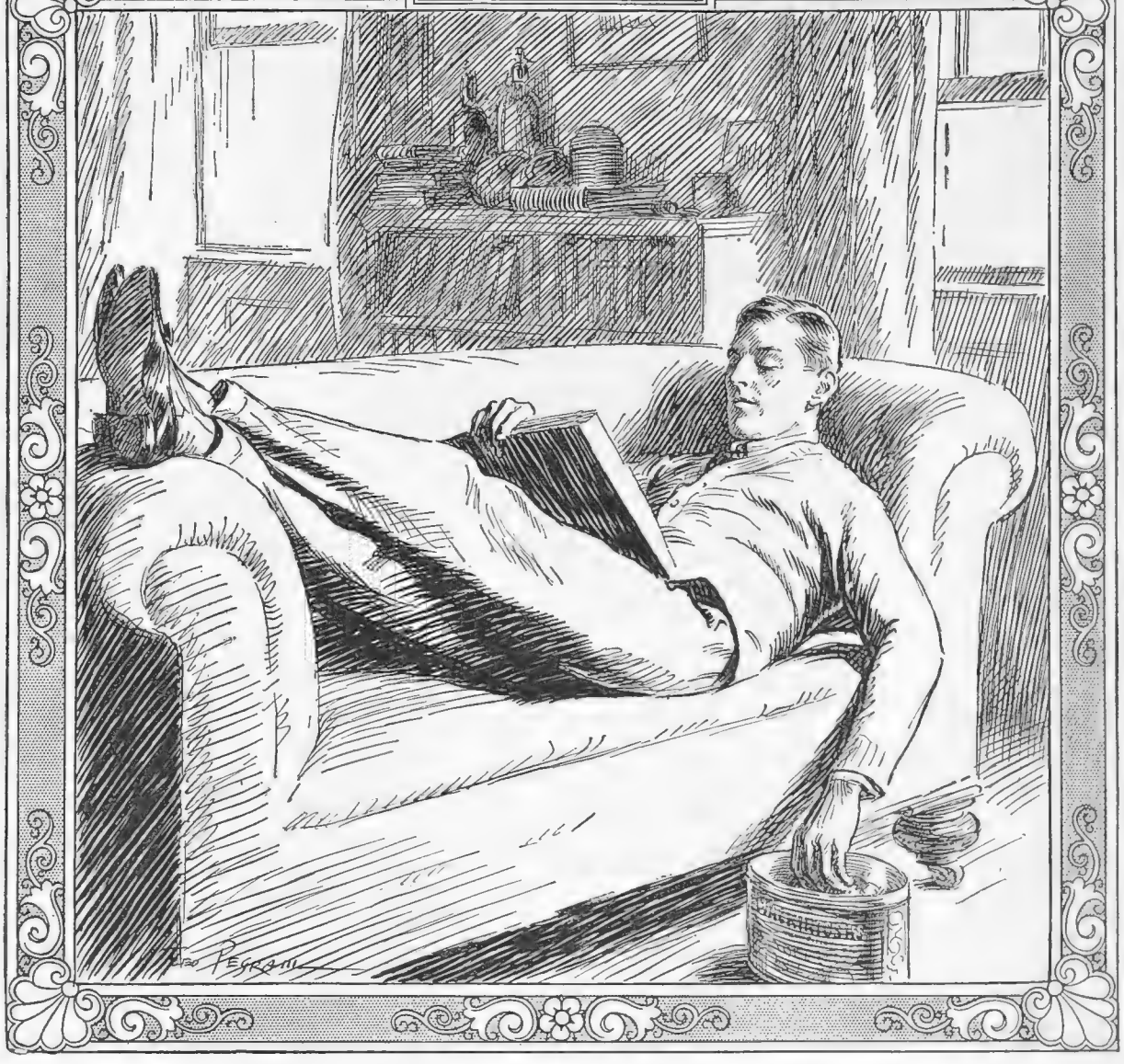

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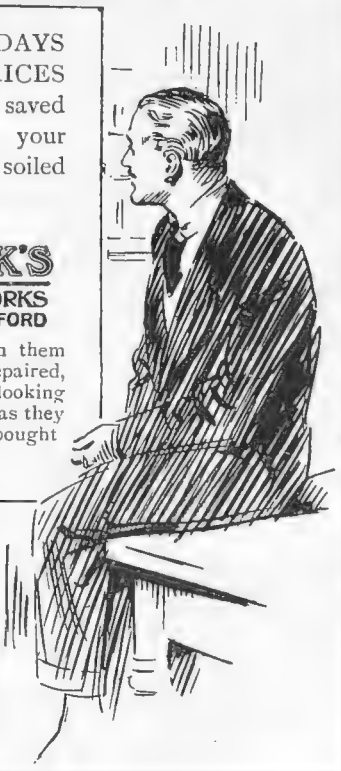

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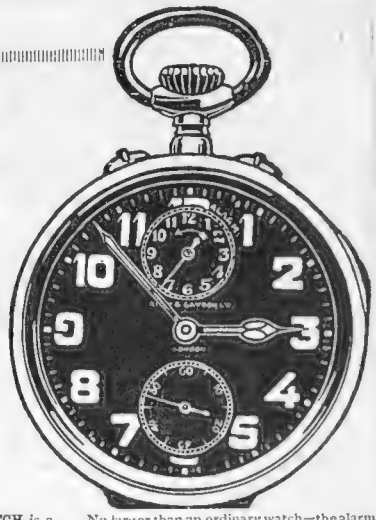

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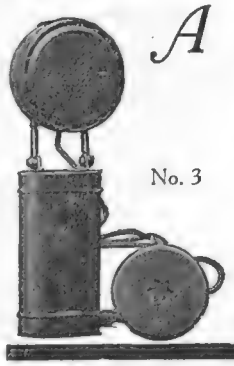

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MERCHANT-ADVENTURERS! But it's not the people who sell the goods, but those who buy them, that do the adventuring nowadays. It may seem dull and ordinary enough to be up with the lark, or the earliest bus, just to go shopping in Oxford Street. No atmosphere and all that; but atmosphere isn't everything, especially when one remembers that it's always taken for granted by the people who live in it. Besides, no one is a judge of an atmosphere until it's a thing of the past, when it's supposed to be possible to see what it stood for *à la* wise-after-the-event-acre. And yet, how can one be a judge of the things one hasn't seen, or heard, or felt, and just takes one's cue from the pompous writings of people who always wrote with one self-conscious eye on the public, and were, therefore, not too careful with their facts?

THEY'LL have a better time of it when some enthusiast attempts to reconstruct these bad new times of ours. Unspacious days, aren't they? But they're full of atmosphere of a sort, these chilly January mornings, when it always rains, or fogs, or both, and one starts abominably early in an unfriendly bus, and on reaching goal stands (that is, when one is young and enthusiastic and determined) in a sleepy, dejected queue before a door with this legend upon it: "Open at nine o'clock." And when at last it does open, why the sultanas' glories are not in it, at least that's what one dreams about as one stands on the mat.

THEY'LL be clever if they manage to reconstruct the atmosphere of our shops. In 2000 A.D. I don't doubt that they'll sell you beautiful thought-forms or something, and the salesman will create out of nothing but air and a forcefully directed will anything tangible that you may desire; but they won't do all that in anything more palatial than we've got already. Why, the word shop is pale and flimsy and inadequate to describe the halls of splendour that it stands for. There's nothing in the language to distinguish these marble-pillared palaces from the dingy, dismal places in back streets, stocked with disused stair rods and rusty fire-irons and prints of the Prince Consort. Positively, we must invent a new word. Is a shop merely a shop when you can buy anything in it, from a box of pins to a motor-car, and can order by telephone a country mansion with ancestors and Jacobean trimmings all complete? Isn't it rather a fairy tale of Arabian-Nightism come to life?

AND meanwhile the door opens, and in we pour, companions in adventure and (until we've bought) sworn enemies, all of us. Shopping nowadays isn't just a pleasant pastime, but one of the fine arts. To find the bargain before the other person swoops down upon it isn't easy. That's because bargains are, always were, and ever will be, rare, and a bargain that isn't wanted, but is grabbed because it may "come in" some day is not a bargain. The fun of going saleing is the possibility of lighting somehow, somewhere, on the unexpected, the unprecedented and undreamt-of. In these days of hazardous exchanges and desperate private enterprise all things are possible. Possible, but not always probable, hence the adventure. We all start for the sales with our minds firmly made up. Women are reasonable beings nowadays; they don't philander, they don't squander. They are not to be tempted by enchanting trifles—they buy what they want as they want it. Well, well. What about all the people in Oxford Street? Is this dense mass of humanity, out all day and every day, intent on buying just the strict necessities of life? I wonder? CANDIDA

Photograph *Chaplin Jones*

MISS GERTRUDE MARY POWELL

Only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Powell, of Rockwood, Weybridge, whose marriage to Mr. Peter Eadie, of Scotscraig, Paisley, took place on Tuesday, December 20, at Holy Trinity, Brompton

A Book for Everyone

THE furnishing of the modern house is primarily a matter of individual taste and of personality, yet are many of us guided by a favourite period, a desire for colour and light, others preferring more sombre surroundings. *Furnishing the House*, by R. Randal Phillips and Ellen Woolrich (*Country Life* Library: 10*s.* 6*d.* net), is a book that might well be on the shelves of everyone who takes a personal interest in their house, and who wishes to avoid striking any incongruous note. The book is illustrated by a great many well-chosen photographs, and includes many practical suggestions.

FASHION'S FANCIES

BY MRS. JACK MAY

THE original model depicted is splendidly representative of what is being worn in the evening now, fashioned of chiffon velvet or crepe *marocain*. Citron-coloured velvet, however, is visioned, the swinging panels of the same material, and sweeping sleeve draperies of georgette in tone, as are also the large flowers posed at a low waistline. Of course, the discerning will readily appreciate the amount of diversity that can be played on such a theme, for the actual gown is nothing more than an ordinary chemise, to be ornamented as fancy dictates, and fashioned of any material that is handy, from serge to satin.

Parents, Please Note

A JANUARY clearance of incalculable worth and importance is that held by Samuel Bros., of Oxford Circus and Ludgate Hill, and as the one in progress is only for two weeks, starting from January 2, it behoves parents to be quickly on the spot to secure some of the splendid bargains offered by this world-renowned house, bargains, moreover, that come in with particular appropriateness, in view of the coming school term. Shopping at Samuel Bros. always means an appreciable saving to parental pockets, and the sales are, frankly, sensational.

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A January Sale

MESSRS. ROBINSON & CLEAVER, of the Royal Irish Linen Warehouse, Belfast, have issued a splendid pamphlet dealing with their special January sale reductions, which include exceptional values in blouses, dresses, and coats, besides tempting *lingerie* offers and bargains in hosiery, woollen coats, and jumpers, and in useful glass, tea, and kitchen cloths. Some very becoming crepe de Chine jumpers in a wide range of colours are marked down to 19*s.* 11*d.*, and stylish shirts in fancy stripes or plain at 8*s.* 11*d.* and 14*s.* 11*d.* In handkerchiefs Robinson and Cleaver excel themselves, as always, and both for women and men there are bargains, both in plain, serviceable linen and some exceptionally attractive examples in fancy handkerchiefs. Owing to the trade depression, Robinson and Cleaver have been

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THROUGHOUT January household linens of reliable quality are being released by Walpole Brothers, of 89, 90, New Bond Street, W., and amongst them are some attractive bargains that should not be missed. Walpole's sale prices this year are about 50 per cent. below last year's prices, and because of this it is just the time to completely replenish your linen cupboard, both economically and without sacrificing quality at all. Their fine Irish linen damask napkins are being sold at 34*s.* 6*d.* and 39*s.* 6*d.* per dozen, a ten shilling reduction in both cases. A special feature of this sale is a large selection of linen double damask table-cloths which have been woven in their own factories from the best flax yarns, the prices ranging from 25*s.* 6*d.* to £13. The designs in each case are very attractive.

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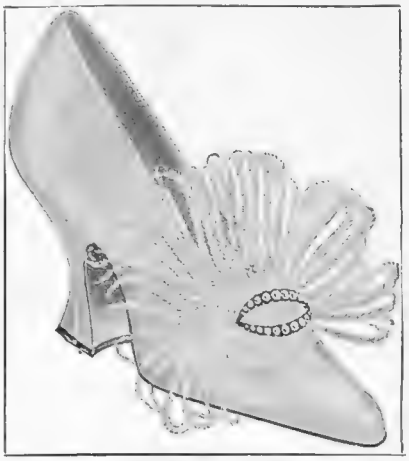

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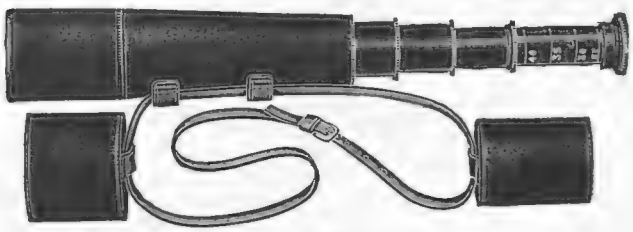

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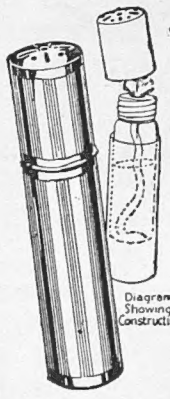
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Lobster Mayonnaise

Remove the meat from the lobster, and cut it into small pieces. Dish the lobster on a thick bed of shred lettuce, and garnish with a border of hard-boiled eggs cut in quarters, olives, and a few fillets of anchovies. Cover with a thick mayonnaise sauce and serve in an entrée dish.

Charlotte Russe

Melt 1½ ozs. of gelatine in a pint of milk, stir in three yolks of eggs, let it thicken a little. Take off the fire and, when cold, add half a pint of cream, a glass of sherry and eight large lumps of sugar on which the peel of a lemon has been grated. Then whip it twenty minutes or until it becomes thick. Plunge a mould in cold water, line the sides with sponge cakes, and pour in the whipped cream. Turn out when set and serve.

Iced Chocolate Soufflé

Whip a quart of lemon-jelly until it resembles the whipped whites of eggs. Dissolve 1½ ozs. of chocolate in a little milk on the fire. When cool, add to it a pint of whipped cream. Sweeten and flavour to taste, then add cream, etc., to the whipped jelly, and whip for ten minutes. Then pour into a soufflé dish with a band of paper round, set on ice for a few hours and serve.

Soda Scones

Rub 2 ozs. of butter into ½ lb. of flour, add one teaspoonful of carbonate of soda, and stir in sufficient milk (sour milk is best) to make a paste. Turn it on a board, and roll it about an inch thick, cut it into small rounds, and bake a light brown in a quick oven.

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